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✓ A QUAIN writer of the sixteenth century said: "Hee that whetteth the tools is not to be misliked though hee cannot carve the Image," and "The worme that spinneth the silk is to be esteemed though she cannot work the sampler."

The Woman's Missionary Society is as one who "whetteth the tools" and "spinneth the silk," while the great Head of the Church carves the image of Christ on heathen souls, and embroiders HIS NAME on their unlettered hearts. X

Christian womanhood has awakened to the consciousness of individual responsibility and to the distress of Christless women in heathen lands; the result has been the formation of missionary societies to organize, concentrate, and develop their work; and this is only one other current that has united with the "rushing tide of a mighty purpose" to bring the whole world to a saving knowledge of Christ.

Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,  
While all around her waves the golden grain?  
And to each servant doth the Master say:  
"Go work to-day."

The laborers are few, the field is wide;  
New stations must be filled and blanks supplied;  
From voices, distant, far or near, at home,  
The call is "Come."

The report herein given tells what the women of the Methodist Church, South, have done in the mission fields and in the home societies the past year. The HOME WORK is represented by 3,404 auxiliary societies and 80,963 members. The full statistics are given under head of summary of home work.

**Publications.**—Throughout the first year of the organization of the Woman's Missionary Society the necessity for a general organ as a connecting link between the mission fields and the societies at home was so manifest that many hearts were pondering and planning to accomplish an end so desired. At the second annual meeting of the "General Executive Association," as the executive body of the Society was then known, the thought crystallized into a purpose, the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* was established, and Mrs. F. A. Butler elected editor. Since then (1879) she has filled the editor's chair, and the paper, now a beautiful magazine, has become a vital part of the Society. The circulation is 13,500; the subscription price is 50 cents a year.

At the last annual meeting it was determined to publish a paper adapted to the growing wants of the children's societies. Miss Annie M. Barnes was elected editor, and the *Little Worker*, beautifully illustrated, has a circulation of 5,300. It has so nearly paid its own expenses that success seems assured. It is furnished for 25 cents a year. Miss Barnes was also elected Editor of Leaflets, and has issued 475,000 leaflets and programmes for adults and children.

The leaflets have become so large a factor in distributing missionary incidents and keeping up an inciting interest, that there is constant demand for a greater supply. One million five hundred and ninety-two thousand pages have been published the past year.

The annual reports and leaflets have been distributed gratuitously.

**Missionaries.**—The Woman's Missionary Society is supporting 29 missionaries; two are at home for health, 7 have been accepted within the year. These, with a number who are preparing, will go to their appointed fields in the summer and autumn. The missionaries employed are distributed as follows: China, 9; Mexico, 12; Brazil, 8. (Teachers only are employed in the Indian Mission.)

**Foreign Work.**—One prolonged, consistent call has resounded during the year for more missionaries. The personal appeals from the fields in some instances have been piteous, and it seems as if they should have stirred the hearts of many women in the home land to life, energy, and a consecrated purpose. Can it be that we have prayed with more earnestness for money than for missionaries, and that the Lord of the harvest in giving one has withheld the other?

The work in **China** has been somewhat interrupted by the unsettled condition of the country; but the greatest hindrance has been the need of more workers, not only to extend the work, but to thoroughly equip that already organized. The force there is re-

duced to 9 missionaries; there are 38 native teachers and assistants, 2 Bible women, 689 children under instruction, and many women have received medical treatment in the hospital in Soochow.

The **Mexican** work has grown from year to year, and is now clasped by a chain of beautiful centers, extending from the border to the interior of the republic. There are 11 missionaries, 16 assistants, 7 native teachers, and 935 women and children are receiving instruction in the schools. Fine schools have been established in seven towns and cities; and though the difficulties and discouragements are not a few, ignorance, superstition, and the errors of popery are yielding to the true religion of the Bible.

In **South America** the work of the Woman's Board is established in the United States of Brazil. Three centers are occupied, 3 boarding schools are in operation, and 215 pupils enrolled. Yellow fever has hindered the work in Rio, and a number of the pupils were transferred to Juiz de Fora, a new station which gives fine promise.

Work in the **Indian Mission** has been uninterrupted: it is carried on only among the wild tribes, and is successful, and incites to greater effort for that helpless people.

If the cause of Missions is the organized effort of the Church to fulfill the last command of Christ, then our fidelity to that cause must be the true measure of our love and loyalty to him. It is said of the great Adoniram Judson that he had a passion for "finishing things." That passion made him one of the grandest missionaries the world has ever seen. It requires more courage and heroism to hold on than to begin. The kingdom of heaven is not to be taken by languor or indifference. The violent take it by force—that is, those who love much, care much, work and pray much are conquerors by the power of God.

The need of our Board for workers was never so great. God's care for his vineyard is shown in the words: "I the Lord do keep it; I will water it every moment;" but he wants the vine dressers to dig about the roots, to prune and train, that the vine may bear much fruit.

He waits for the young and glorious womanhood of the Church, and for the grave and experienced matrons to whom he has given no care, to hear and answer the same voice that came to the prophet in his vision: "Who will go for us?" The overburdened missionaries wait, upborne by their faith.

The restless millions wait  
That Light whose dawning maketh all things new;  
Christ also waits, but men are slow and late.



# Report of Foreign Work.

## CHINA.

### SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

#### MISSIONARIES.

MISS LAURA A. HAYGOOD,	MISS MARY McCLELLAN.
* MISS BETTIE HUGHES,	MISS HELEN L. RICHARDSON.
MISS LOCHIE RANKIN,	MISS EMMA KERR.

\* Home for health.

Married lady working for the Woman's Board :

MRS. O. E. BROWN.

It is almost a marvel that the work in China has gone on with the reduced force, and yet none of the schools have been closed. The health of the missionaries has suffered from the unusual strain. Truly they can say, "Neither count I my life dear unto myself," as they have apportioned the burdens between them, taking the work that others have laid down, while looking to the home land with longing eyes for the help that seems slow in coming.

Miss Haygood is in charge of the Shanghai District, and writes of the work.

Our work in Shanghai during the past year, as formerly, has gathered around Clopton School and our day schools.

The beginning of the Conference year found Miss Hughes in charge of Clopton School with twenty-one pupils in attendance. During the first quarter four pupils were received by transfer from Pleasant College, and one pupil who had been from early childhood a member of the school died. We thank God that in death, though surrounded by heathen relatives, she witnessed a good confession of faith and then, as we believe, fell asleep in Jesus. During the second quarter one of the Pleasant College pupils was withdrawn, with our full approval, another was received, and another pupil died. She had enjoyed all the privileges of Christian childhood in Mrs. Lambuth's home; and when she came to us in the spring of 1889 to fit herself for life and work among her own people, she was already familiar with Christian truth. Some months before her last illness she gave happy evidence of genuine conversion, and shortly before her death was received by baptism into the Church. We had hoped, God helping us, to fit both Kyung-kwe and Kyung-e for work on earth. He had other thoughts for them, and we know that His way is best.

One of the sorrows of this eventful year to us and to the pupils was the failing health of Miss Hughes, which made it necessary for her in January to give up her work in and for the school. The girls and the work were very dear to her, and with a strong will and a devoted heart through months of weakness and pain she continued her work against the protest of her fellow-workers. At last the tired body could do no more, and in January she yielded to our entreaties and the command of her physician and gave up the school, but not until July did she consent to seek in the home land the needed rest.

Since January I have had general charge of Clopton School, with the class work of the foreign teacher, Miss Richardson giving me most efficient and valuable help in the domestic department. There has been no material change during the year in the course of study and general management of the school. As formerly, while seeking to give our girls as thorough a knowledge of books as circumstances will allow, we are training them in the homely duties of dressmaking and house cleaning, cooking and washing—trying to fit them for the duties that await them as wives, mothers, and home makers.

It was a notable event and an occasion of thanksgiving that at China New Year four of our pupils were thought ready to be intrusted with the duties and responsibilities of teachers—one in the primary department of Clopton School and three in the day schools. Two of them have done excellently well; a third fairly well, showing unexpected strength in the management of her school; while the fourth, though one of the most successful pupils, has been less successful as a teacher than we had hoped. They are all, however, intelligent Christian women, and from them we have reason to hope for increasing usefulness as the years go on. They are pleasing fruits of the work of Clopton School as a Normal and Training School for teachers.

At the close of the spring term one pupil who had been on trial was dismissed and at the opening of the fall term another was received—the year, closing as it began, with twenty-one pupils.

I cannot close my report of Clopton School without mentioning one other occasion of thanksgiving. On the last Sunday in September five of the girls were received into the Church by baptism upon profession of faith. They had expressed a very earnest desire thus to be numbered with God's people, and we cannot but hope that they have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit which will enable them to keep the solemn vows they have taken upon themselves. There are now thirteen communicants and five probationers in the school.

#### TRINITY DAY SCHOOLS.

There has been a pleasing growth in our day school work during the past year. At the China New Year we took charge of a school in a little village on the northern borders of Shanghai which had formerly been under the care of a lady then leaving for home. About the same time we opened another school in a chapel under the care of our brethren, Messrs. Bonnell and Gray, and a little later put one of our young teachers from Clopton School in charge of a third, taught in one of the rooms of Clopton School building—an infant school of little boys made up of an overflow from the three other

day schools in the neighborhood. So the close of the year finds us with eleven schools and 280 pupils, of whom 103 are girls and 185 are boys.

The death in February of our senior teacher, Mr. Waung, necessitated several changes among the teachers, but we were happy in being able to fill the vacancy from Clopton School girls. Mr. Waung had been with us since the opening of the day schools in Trinity compound, and during most of the time had acted as chaplain of the schools that meet daily for service in Trinity Church. We shall long remember his fervent prayers and his assurance given us when dying that he "was glad to go home at the call of the heavenly Father."

Mr. Gray has kindly assisted us during the year by looking after the interests of the school, No. 10, in his chapel. Miss Hughes for some months had charge of No. 9, Miss McClellan until the summer vacation of six of the remaining schools, and I of three. Since September 1, Miss McClellan has taken the care in a large measure of ten of the schools, visiting them every week and examining the children in their Christian books. She will have, I am sure, some interesting things to tell us of the schools.

I meet the teachers of all the day schools every Saturday afternoon in normal class, which gives fitting opportunity for the words of instruction, exhortation, and encouragement. A prominent feature of this Saturday meeting is the study of the Sunday school lesson which they are to teach during the next week to their pupils. I count this Bible study with them a special privilege, as through it I am able to bring to their minds and press home to their hearts many important truths.

There has been no material change in our policy, or in the course of study pursued in our schools, during the past year. We hope that there has been some improvement in method. We have as the objective point in all our work the grounding of the children in Christian truth. To this end we try to secure for them the ability to read the Bible in their own vernacular and to teach them to know and to reverence the Sabbath and the sanctuary.

I am very glad that Miss McClellan is now able to give her entire time to the day schools. Under her faithful and devoted work I think we will have advances to report in another year.

At NANTSIANG we have three day schools, two for boys and one for girls, which have been for the past year under the care of Mrs. O. E. Brown. They are fortunately so situated that they have her daily supervision. The methods of work and course of study are very similar to those used in the Shanghai Schools. While the year has been marked by no special incidents, we know that there has been much earnest, faithful work, and we know that it cannot have been in vain. There are in the three schools, all of which are in the same compound with Louise Home, 54 pupils: 43 boys and 11 girls. The teacher of the girls' school is a former pupil of Pleasant College.

Immediately after our last annual meeting, under instruction from Bishop Wilson, Pleasant College was closed, because there was no one to take up that work. As I have already mentioned, several of the pupils were transferred to Clopton School. The day school at Sian Nantsiang was also closed, as it seemed inexpedient under existing conditions to continue it.

Of the KADING SCHOOLS. Miss Rankin will, I trust, tell us of Miss Kerr's schools as well as her own at Kading. Through much of the year Miss Kerr has been called to patiently wait when she longed to actively serve. Double duty has fallen to Miss Rankin, which has been faithfully met.

To sum up our school work in the Shanghai District, I will state that we have 1 boarding school for girls, with 21 pupils; 17 day schools with 405 pupils, girls 133, boys 272; an *Anglo-Chinese School* with 63 pupils, girls 11, boys 52—giving a total of 489 pupils under the care of the Woman's Board of Missions in the Shanghai District.

McTYEIRE SCHOOL,\* we had hoped and planned to open in February of this year, but it was not God's plan for us. If the reasons for delay had been other than providential, the delay itself would have been a much sorer trial. As it is, we humbly accept it as his appointment. We want "the times" of the school all to be in his hands. I am glad to say that the delay has been the occasion of regret to some of our Chinese friends, since their regret betokens a hearty interest in the work. Although no announcements have been made and we have not been ready to receive them, a half dozen pupils have been offered us for the school. In the present condition of the country we may find perhaps an important reason for the providential delay.

In connection with the Churches and schools we have had many incidental opportunities during the year for work among women, of which we have gladly and gratefully availed ourselves. We are hoping to do some more positive work for them during the winter in connection with the *Woman's Missionary Society of the native Church and their Bible woman*, Mrs. Zung. Mrs. Zung is now a member of our senior Bible class in Clopton School, and is earnestly trying to fit herself for greater usefulness.

The need of a special Bible school for women has been frequently brought to mind during the year. God speed the day when the hope we have long indulged about such a school may become a reality! The hearts of many at home are being turned to the work of Bible women, and money is offered freely for their support. Alas that we have so few who are ready for this work! Let us cry unto the Lord of the harvest that *he* will send the women who are needed in this field.

Of the day schools in Shanghai, the special work of Miss McClellan, she says:

At our annual meeting last year, which was held in Shanghai during the month of October, I was appointed by Bishop Wilson to assist Miss Haygood. She decided that I could best assist her by relieving her of some of the day schools. After consultation she turned over to me six day schools, thus leaving my mornings free to devote to study, as my second year in China had been mostly one of inactivity owing to ill health. She not only agreed, but rather advised, that I give this much of the day to the language, although the demand for workers to engage in active work was urgent.

The month of August I took as a vacation. At the opening of the school in September, Miss Haygood committed to my charge all of the day schools

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\* Not opened for want of workers.

excepting one. My present plan is to devote both morning and afternoon to them. Such in brief is an outline of my year's work.

And now what shall I say as to results? That many of the children have come to a clearer knowledge of the doctrine of the Christian religion, and have begun to comprehend, or rather to apprehend, what it means to be a Christian. I have had no pupils to openly confess Christ, but as the sowing has been faithful, I know that in the Lord's own time the seed will spring up and bear fruit.

Miss Richardson gives a few notes of her first year in China:

A report at the close of one's first year in the mission field is equivalent to a record of humiliations.

Every aspect of the work confronts one with demands from each of which she must turn away with the consciousness "willing, but not able."

Until February I remained at McTyeire Home, giving as much time to the study of the language as was thought best. At the beginning of that month, the failure of Miss Hughes's health made it necessary for me to remove to Trinity Home. Clopton School was a large open door which I entered daily. Here I had my first acquaintance with the work. Miss Haygood thought that I might, with advantage, assist in the domestic department of the school. I undertook it with hesitation. To discover a pair of chopsticks on a window sill was much easier than to give the order to have them put in the proper place.

At one time, after laboring with a small girl for ten or fifteen minutes over the propriety of disregarding established laws, and feeling glad that I had made sufficient advancement to be able for such a conflict, it was very humiliating to hear, with a certain air of defiance: "Nough kuh seh wo, ngoo veh toug." ("Your words I do not understand.")

At the end of July I received an order from my physician not to study Chinese at all during August, and to spend the entire month of September in Japan. Both orders were obeyed.

A little study, a little work, and getting adjusted to the new work have filled up my first year in China.

#### KADING.

Miss Rankin is devoted to her Anglo-Chinese work as well as other schools in that secluded city, and sends the following report:

It was not very encouraging on our return from Conference last October to find all of our brightest, best, and most advanced pupils preparing to leave for Nankin, having already passed most satisfactory examinations, preparatory to entering the Imperial Naval College there. Not that we consider our labor lost, but the year's work had been a hard one, and a bit of worldly pride made us anxious that the bishop should see the school at its best; and it was no small trial to part with pupils who were just beginning to understand something of their duty as moral and intelligent beings. Our prayers go with every one whom we have taught, and numerous letters from them show that we are not forgotten, nor our counsels unheeded.

The incessant labors of the past three years were making themselves felt

to such an extent, physically and mentally, that it seemed desirable to reduce the regular number of English pupils; but there were so many applicants and they so persistent, that despite good intentions, we find ourselves at the close of the year taxed to the limit of time and strength, the school crowded to the extent of its capacity, and others wanting to enter.

The hundred dollars allowed for extension of work was devoted to a school for girls. While apparently falling outside the limits of our Anglo-Chinese school, we do not intend it to remain so. Our plans are subject to many changes, and often entirely frustrated, but as this school already numbers more than one little girl from literary families, we hope in the future to extend the curriculum, until it embraces as high a course of study as a Chinese woman is capable of receiving. At present the pupils do not study many books, but they are thorough, and the teacher is more conscientious than most of her class. Although the school is in her house, no work has ever been found on her table on Sundays. She uses every available help in studying and teaching the Bible. On hot summer days, when others were lounging about at noon, she has been seen with different versions of the gospels—Shanghai colloquial, Mandarin, and Wenli—comparing passage with passage, and trying to understand the text.

Many of the pupils are seekers after truth, and we do believe God will be found of them. Some are not so promising, but a source of much anxiety.

There was considerable excitement after the news of the riots, and we could not but be anxious, although there was not the least manifestation of ill will toward us, either as foreigners or missionaries. In fact, insulting epithets have never been so few as within the past six months. All our neighbors have been kindness itself; and although there is endless talk on the streets about foreign countries and foreign men, they do not seem to realize that we are foreigners.

Our relations with the patrons who reside in the city have been most pleasant, nor have we any words but those of highest praise for the Käding teachers. We call special attention to the close relation that exists between the pastor and all connected with our work. While he has been perfectly fearless in the discharge of his ministerial duties, the utmost deference and respect have been shown him by pupils and teachers, and he has labored much with them and for them; conducting all the daily services, preaching twice on Sunday, and often taking an absent teacher's place.

Miss Kerr writes of the day schools:

The "Eliza Walker School" for boys was at one time limited to twelve pupils. At the spring opening the teacher begged to be allowed to receive all who applied. Her request was granted, and seventeen names enrolled. The management of this school is largely left to the native teacher, an efficient Christian worker. During the recent rioting, this work was somewhat disorganized. The chapel near by was threatened by rioters, and the pupils frightened; but being assured by the teacher that in case of danger they would be allowed to "run home," their fears were in a measure allayed.

In the "Hendrix School" for boys, the teacher proved inefficient, was dismissed, and a native of Käding employed. The change has been very

satisfactory. The marked improvement in the study of Christian books is specially gratifying. The advancement in native books is no less marked. Three of the advanced pupils left school for business. One attractive child was removed by death. The excitement did not affect the attendance, nor did we hear the transpiring events mentioned in this school.

The pupils belonging to the "Philips School" were, for justifiable reasons, transferred to other hands. The name and funds were retained and applied to another school.

The "Mary Sloan School" for girls was reopened after the New Year holidays, and twenty little girls were received, but we missed seven familiar faces, and upon inquiry were told: "They are now too large for school. The majority enrolled are between seven and eleven years of age. The illness of the foreign teacher made it necessary to remove the school to an adjoining building, thereby increasing the expenses. Heretofore the school has been accommodated in our dwelling, and no extra rent required. Additional unavoidable expenses have been met with private funds. The girls, naturally more timid than boys, were greatly frightened by circulated reports to the effect that foreign teachers were taking pupils to America or other distant countries. Imagine our consternation when we found the school suddenly reduced to six. Mothers came to inquire into the matter.

According to established custom, four weeks vacation was given during the heated term, and with the reopening all the pupils returned but one timid little girl who had not recovered from her fright.

We have been encouraged by the presence of mothers and relatives at our Sabbath service. The vacancies made by older ones going out have been filled by new ones. We do not grieve unnecessarily over these changes, for each new child brings us nearer another heathen home. We have much for which to be grateful.

Miss Rankin, with hands already overflowing with work, has rendered invaluable assistance in the day schools.

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## SOOCHOW DISTRICT.

### MISSIONARIES.

Mrs. JOSEPHINE P. CAMPBELL,  
\* Miss MILDRED M. PHILIPS, M.D.,

Miss JENNIE M. ATKINSON,  
Miss M. LITTLETON SMITHEY.

\* Married after her report was sent.

Mrs. Campbell, in charge of the work in this district, gives the summary of the boarding and day schools:

The year ends with a voice of praise, for every step of the way we have been able to realize the guidance of our heavenly Father. We are better able to see this loving direction now, looking back, than when passing through some of the tangled places, but even then there was a note of thanksgiving; now it swells into a prolonged anthem, for we see how we have been kept

amid dangers seen and unseen; we see how the work of some in other places and in other Missions has been torn to pieces and laid waste—for some unknown reason ours has been allowed to stand unharmed.

The boarding school will first claim attention, it being the first work of the Woman's Board of Missions established in Soochow.

The boarding school has been under my especial charge this year. As the quarterly reports show, we have kept our usual number of girls until within the past three months—twenty-two in all. At the opening of the autumn term the eldest pupil dropped out to be married. Her marriage, however, has not yet been consummated. The next eldest entered the hospital to take a course in nursing, as she felt that she might thus assist the man she was to marry, who is the druggist in the Nyön-zing Dispensary, but a couple of months proved that she was not suited to that work, and the marriage was consummated just after China New Year. We rejoice that another Christian home is established.

Another girl was unfortunately betrothed to an opium smoker. When the betrothal was made, he and his family were members of the Baptist Church, but the opion habit soon changed their relation to that body. The girl is an orphan, but an uncle and a brother who alone had the power to break the betrothal could not be persuaded to undertake it, as it would have to be done by force, the father-in-law refusing to be bought off. So this poor child now calls for our sympathy and prayers. I have visited her in her home, which is one of the lowest and dirtiest of opium dens. She was a Church member when she left us, and had been in the school seven years.

In the spring term two little girls entered the school, one from Zang-zok, the daughter of one of Dr. Lambuth's former medical students, and who is now practicing foreign medicine in that city with success; the latter did not return this term, because during the riots I took her down to Shanghai for safety, neither of her parents living in or near Soochow. The parents and relatives—who are heathens—were persuaded by those who are opposed to foreigners that my intention was, in case we were driven from the country, to take all of these girls with me to America. So they arranged clandestinely to steal her from us, the father not having the manliness to come to us and ask for her, and have the contract broken. We were in a most anxious state for two days and a night, for we could neither hear anything of the child, nor get word to her father, and during these unsettled times especially it was necessary that she should be found. After every effort had been made to find her, the acquaintance who acted as middle man in introducing her father and getting her into the school came, bringing a letter from her father explaining why they stole her, and returning the clothes which she had received, and a part of her board. It was a relief, of course, but we were sorry not to have her continue with us.

The health of the school has been excellent this year, which I feel has been due in part to cistern water which they have been using since the new cistern was finished last autumn. The girls have been faithful in their studies, and were preparing very diligently for the summer's examination, as those whom I wished to form the examining committee are strict, but the summer vacation was forced upon us much earlier than was intended by the



threatened riot, necessitating the girls' leaving and scattering to their several homes.

The fall term opened with only eighteen pupils; two others, however, will return within several days, having been detained by sickness; others who had never signed papers agreeing to remain any definite term in the school have not returned, and I have not urged it, for we know not how soon we may again be fleeing for our lives; any who come voluntarily (three new ones thus entered) we gladly receive.

A year ago I engaged one of Dr. Parker's pupils, Mr. Li, who has taken the full course in Dr. Parker's school, to assist in the school work; and as it is quite necessary here that he who teaches in the school should have his wife to assist him, I engaged Mrs. Li to look after the domestic department, for I am compelled often to be absent, and there is not one of the ladies whom I can hold responsible for the school in my absence. Miss Atkinson, though living with me, is absent most of the day in her day school work, and Miss Smithey is living with Dr. Philips.

I inspect the dormitories myself, and spend from 9 to 12 A.M. teaching in the school. I am also with them in the sewing room from 3 to 4:30 P.M. Mrs. Li is required to be present at this time to assist in mending and making the clothes for the smaller pupils as well as to teach them to sew. That we might have this teacher and his wife on the compound, I had a small house of two rooms built on the farther side of the compound from the school, costing \$105 in gold, for there was no house that they could rent and still be near enough to do what was required of them in the school.

The day schools under Mrs. Atkinson's supervision have been a constant source of interest to us, and are very gratifying in many respects.

There were in 1889 three day schools in Soochow under the Woman's Board of Missions. In the autumn of 1889, before Mrs. Parker's return to America, she put under our management the three day schools which had been under her supervision, and which were then supported by the funds of the General Board. Since then we have opened two others, making eight schools in all. One is a partly self-supporting school, and we arranged in that school for the study of English, with the hope of inducing the merchant class to patronize us, and you will see from Miss Atkinson's report how well this has succeeded. This school's income is \$14 per month. This amount pays for the rent of the school building, and very nearly pays for Miss Atkinson's chair hire, which might seem a luxury unless the circumstances were understood. The long distances between the schools make it very trying through rain and wind in winter, and heat in summer, besides being exceedingly unpleasant oftentimes to listen to the jeers that a foreigner still must meet when walking the streets of Soochow.

The hospital flourished, comparatively speaking, until the troubles in the early summer came, when the doors were closed for a month, and since then its inmates have been few and far between, but the reports and disturbances which frightened the people are gradually passing away, and if there are no more uprisings we can hope for better things. We are glad to report that Dr. Philips's health has been restored. The Bible woman whom we were so fortunate in getting last year has proved very faithful.

Our minds turn to the one great question: How many have been brought to a knowledge of Christ through all of these channels? We cannot point in numbers to those whom we can say have claimed salvation through our teaching, but we can say that many have heard the news of salvation if they have not accepted it. It is the Holy Spirit that must prepare the hearts of men for the truth; it is ours to tell the glad tidings, and the old, old story has been iterated and reiterated to many of these dwelling in the darkness.

Miss Smithey has not yet taken up regular work other than the study of the language.

Miss Atkinson had the immediate care of the day schools, and tells something of each:

In reviewing the day school work, I can see that though perceptible progress was slow it was steady up to June 9. The schools, in regard to the number of pupils and thorough teaching, were never in such promising condition. Nos. 3 and 4 were as full as we were willing to see them for the teachers' sakes. Since the threatened riots on the 9th and 10th of June the schools have all suffered, but some more than others. Many of the children are afraid to come, having heard such wild stories of what may happen to them; but only one promising pupil has been withdrawn for that reason. Later in the term the extreme heat and the prevalence of cholera in the city did their part toward keeping the children away, but these conditions were vastly improved before the close of the year.

During the quarter ending June 30, the whole number enrolled was 178; while during the last quarter there were only 132. Last year we reported six day schools in the Soochow District; this year we have eight.

Nos. 1, 2, 5, and 6 have undergone very little change, but we think of moving No. 2 to a more convenient place, as it is too far away to receive proper attention. The former teacher of No. 3 did such unsatisfactory work that we dismissed him at the end of December and closed the school. In March it was reopened with a young woman, a member of the Baptist Church, as teacher. Her mother has done faithful Bible work for years, and she has so far given perfect satisfaction as a teacher. She received her education in day schools, but the influence of a Christian mother did much for her. If we can hope that our day schools will give us such helpers, there is no cause for discouragement.

The teacher of No. 4 has also been exchanged. We needed him for other work, and a new man was engaged who has shown himself quite equal to the position. The school is doing good work.

No. 7 is not a new school, though we have controlled it only about ten months. It formerly belonged to the General Board, but for good reasons was turned over to the Southern Presbyterians, who this year returned it to us. The teacher has tried to do his duty, but the school is situated in a hard place, though an important one, being just outside of one of the principal gates of the city, where a theater or an idol procession often causes the school to be deserted.

No. 8 is an Anglo-Chinese school. It was opened at the beginning of the spring term, hoping to attract a class of boys of higher standing socially than

the ordinary day schools are able to reach. It is at present in the most densely populated portion of the city. Several young men who are employed in the telegraph office are enrolled as pupils. Some of the pupils are sons of merchants, literary men, and men in public business of different kinds. Twenty names have been enrolled, including two of the day school teachers, who can only study on Saturday afternoons. I have taught them Christianity both in Chinese and English, and there is not one who does not seem to have a high respect for its doctrines and principles.

I was one day trying to impress on the minds of some beginners that, besides our bodies, God had given us souls that could never die. I tried to get them to understand, and thought they did, but my disappointment reached its fullest when the next day the native teacher corrected them for translating soul as a kind of fish, the name of which was quite like the word for *soul* in sound. They know now more about the soul, and recently the following sentence occurred in one of their exercises: "Some good men sick, dead. Jesus down, save, raised life." The native teacher in this school is the one who taught No. 4 last year. One dollar per month is charged for tuition, which, for the past two or three months, has covered my chair hire and paid something on the rent. The school was taught during the summer, except from the 9th of June to the 14th of July, when I was absent in Shanghai.

Nos. 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7 attend our Church and Sunday school services. No. 3 attends the Baptist Church, as it is too far to bring them to our own. Nos. 2 and 8 are not convenient to any Church.

The pupils are advancing daily in their knowledge of Christianity and of the Bible. Four of the teachers are members of the Church. Two of the others are interested, but despite many earnest prayers for the other two they seem to remain unimpressed.

God has blessed me with health and strength during the entire year.

Miss Smithey's first year in China has been full of sickness and trial, of which she makes brief mention:

I arrived in Shanghai on the 9th of last October, but was sick with influenza and did not reach Soochow until the 27th of November. As soon as possible I employed a personal teacher and began the study of the Chinese language. In March my eyes began to trouble me. I was advised by Dr. Phillips to rest them several weeks. During this time I used to accompany Miss Atkinson to her day schools. In April I resumed my studies, but found my eyes would not bear the strain, and being advised by Miss Haygood and others, I went to Japan. I returned to China on the 2d of October. Sickness and the affection of the eyes make the amount of active work accomplished scarcely worthy of mention.

Dr. Philips sends the report of the hospital work:

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S HOSPITAL.

Number of new patients treated in the dispensary	1,040	
Cases returning for treatment.....	412—	1,452
Stray patients treated .....		108
Patients treated on itinerating trips.....		40
Patients remaining in hospital from last year...	1	
Patients admitted for first time during the year.	44	
Patients readmitted during the year.....	7	52
Patients remaining in hospital at the end of year	2	
Number of professional calls.....		189
Total.....		1,841
Number of prescriptions recorded.....		2,582
Number of surgical operations.....		110
Number of native physicians in hospital.....		1
Number who assist in nurse work.....		4
Number of these who are students of medicine..		2
Number of Bible women.....		1

Donations: Six volumes medical works, from William Wood & Co., New York, U. S. A., per W. H. Park; one cane chair from Mrs. Campbell; edibles from patients; cover for the reading desk in the chapel.

In reviewing the work of the hospital for the year, I consider it one of the most successful and satisfactory that we have had. The patients, including the calls and return cases, were for the first quarter 564; second quarter, 424; third quarter, 612; fourth quarter, 241. Total, 1,841. The falling off noticed in the last quarter was due to the recent riots. The quarter previous to these troubles showed a good record of in patients. There has been some surgical work during the year of special interest and satisfaction in its results. One death occurred following work of this kind, in a cancer case, whose limit of life could not have been long when she came to us. The same may be said of the other death that occurred in the wards during the year: that of a pupil of Clopton School, who died of pulmonary and abdominal phthisis.

The work of the year has been especially interesting. I have gone from patient to patient, pleased oftentimes to note the steady improvement. Not the least of the comfort from the work of the past year has been from the work I have done in the class room in dispensing these truths to the medical students—their number varying from eight to nine, from two to three of the number being the nurses of the Woman's Hospital. Two of these girls have made very satisfactory progress; and at the end of the year they were all able to take their places in the drug room and to fill most of the daily dispensary prescriptions. This leaves us free to begin this year with women assistants only in the hospital.

A missionary from China says: "The Chinaman is an individual with some backbone in him, but a Chinese woman has several backbones in her. Once a builder would not give him (the missionary)

After the doctor's return, Miss Lou Philips felt the need of a change, and left February 28 for Japan, expecting to be gone only a short time; but a spell of sickness lengthened out her absence to some four months, during which time I had the oversight of her school. I could not give it the supervision it was wont to receive at her hand. As I expected her back from week to week, I did not prepare for it as I would have done could I have foreseen how things would be. The girls continued their studies and work as she had planned for them. The greatest anxiety was because of sickness: three cases of measles, one severe case of erysipelas, and more or less of malaria. After due consideration, we concluded to close the school earlier this year, it being in a somewhat unsettled state; and it was too near the end of the term to make new adjustments, so on the 24th of June the pupils were dismissed and sent to their respective homes.

These months of new duties were not without their gain to me, for after putting one's self in another's place we can better sympathize and understand the difficulties. I feel far better acquainted with Dr. Philips's work in the hospital than I ever could under former circumstances; and have become more intimately associated with the girls of the boarding-school, and feel now that there is a confidence between us that could not have been gained under other conditions. Our prayers together have not been in vain; our nursing together some sick pupil has given us something of a oneness of purpose.

The day-schools have made very gratifying progress this year, as we will hear from Miss Atkinson's report. Her constant, faithful work has had its merited influence on the schools, and God has wonderfully blessed her throughout the year in health and strength. We are looking forward to opening two more schools this year, having the opportunity of engaging a couple of well-trained women for teachers—that is, they were educated in Christian schools, and we are hoping in this way to have more girls numbered among our pupils.

The Sunday-school which we organized at Mo-lōng-ka, in the chapel adjoining the day-school, has given us cause to rejoice in seeing what a beautiful work awaits us there when we have time to visit regularly the homes of the people surrounding it. They have shown their willingness to come if we but do our part in reminding them. Sunday afternoon is devoted to this Sunday-school.

One hour on Friday afternoon is given to a woman's prayer-meeting, which was organized by Mrs. Parker and held at her home until she started for America, when we congregated in the hospital compound, either in our sitting-room or the chapel adjoining the hospital. Miss Atkinson, Miss Philips, two of the native women, and myself take it time about in leading it. Numbers of women have heard for the first time Christ's holy doctrines at these meetings, and I am sure it has been beneficial to the Church-women.

Our little morning service in the hospital has also been a means of blessing to us, though it is only attended by the assistants, nurses, and servants of the hospital and home. Most of the convalescing patients, too, in the hospital attend regularly while in the compound, and there learn to kneel

before the true God. The total number in attendance at this service is often as many as eighteen.

God has greatly blessed me this year in procuring a Bible-woman. She is one of Mrs. Lambuth's former pupils, and has two daughters in Clopton School; goes with me into the chapel, and helps me wonderfully in telling the story of the cross. We have also instituted this year a class for nurses in the hospital. We have already three studying, and two or three more have made application. I too am taking lessons with the class, Dr. Philips being our teacher. This is a question we wish to bring before the meeting as to what would be the most advisable plan for admission.

O friends, I could show to you other plans of untouched work! But what is the use? where are the workers? Our hands are simply full. My long-laid plans to work among the women in their homes, both in city and country, still remain unopened. My hours for the study of medicine are few and far between. We hold out arms of welcome to our newly arrived sisters, and will continue to welcome all who will come.

FROM MISS LOU PHILIPS.

I would feign take you with me through the year, beginning October 1, 1889, and closing October 1, 1890—a year of such wonderful grace to me that I feel unable to chronicle its events, for they were largely of that world where there is no length and depth or height and breadth, of that realm whose events are made up of such spiritual things as thanksgiving and praise of magnified mercy and of Jesus over all God blessed for evermore. Such things pass the power of human speech, and I stand before them with heart oppressed and voice hushed; and shall only trust that he who makes possible riches of grace according to his glory shall enable me so to live a life of purest breath that the abundance of his gift to me may minister grace to many.

As I look back to the beginning of October I see myself as one "faint, yet pursuing;" pressing toward the mark, yet not with that joy of the Lord which is such strength. Yet I knew too much of him to draw back; I knew that to the weak he would increase strength, and that I but had to walk by the same rule and mind the same thing which had enabled me already to attain any success in his kingdom. School work was going on the even tenor of its way; the pupils were busy and interested in their work; I felt that I could see a deepening of spiritual understanding, and a not ungrudging allegiance to spiritual claims. My every effort was for them to grow up into him, striving to lead them hour by hour into the will and work of God. Earthly ambition for them I had comparatively little, but for their conformity to the good, acceptable, and well-pleasing will of God I prayed and labored with an unwavering aim, searching the Scriptures on my knees daily and nightly for all light on the same, that neither I nor they should make a false step or lose a full reward of the Lord God. Ere its beginning, the year had been in a most unusual manner committed to him with strong crying, that he would show us what he would have us to do and *enable* us to do it. He never fails those that fear and cry, and I feel that the year has been a rich one in the inner life of the school. The desperate wickedness and the

hearts and bear fruit in their lives. May the Lord claim and keep them for his service!

Miss Lizzie Wilson has had an interesting class of women in the town of Laredo, and writes of her Bible work:

After the smallpox subsided we again took up the work among the women. It grew and prospered, and seventy-six entered the class. We met four afternoons during the week, and a good part of the time the average attendance was thirty. The women seemed to love the Bible, and many of them bought Bibles. The priest tried hard to break up the work, and twice we had to give it up for a short time. Some of the women have learned to love God and trust in him. They help me in visiting and giving out tracts. We have distributed about three thousand during the year.

When I visit the homes, I am always received gladly. I visited one poor woman who was sick, and found the Bible lying by her on the bed. I asked if she could read. She looked lovingly at it, and said: "No; it is my sister; she can read, and I love it very much." I read the fourteenth chapter of St. John to her, and she listened with the tears running down her cheeks. We can do nothing better for these people than to take them the word of God.

Mrs. McClendon is in charge of a fine day school in Laredo, and tells of it:

We closed the Laredo day school for the Christmas holiday with 153 children on the roll. Fifteen or more of the children in school are pupils that were enrolled the first day I opened in August, 1890. They have made good uses of the advantages given them, and give fair promise for the future. The children have shown greater interest in their studies, and made greater efforts to come neatly dressed and clean, although some of the poor things have very little to dress in. A good many of a better class have entered, though that is not so gratifying as the improvement in the poorer class.

The parents manifest more interest in the advancement of their children, and that is a great gain. We have had many drawbacks, chiefly lack of books. I use the Spanish geographies, grammars, and arithmetics; but have never been able to supply a class with arithmetics, teaching it entirely on the blackboard.

One class has finished the small catechism. A very large class of little children can recite twelve or more chapters in the catechism. The older girls, Protestant and Catholic, have committed to memory the "Apostolic Creed." All the older pupils know the Ten Commandments. They have learned to sing fifteen or more Sunday school songs in Spanish. Sixteen read daily in the Bible class. More could join it, but I have only eight Bibles, besides my Testaments. The school was presented with a dozen Spanish song books with notes. I do not require the Catholic children to study the catechism; they can do so if they wish. Some would not come in the class, but this last quarter not a child has stayed out; all have been eager to learn. One of my best boys, Juan de Leon, is a strong Catholic, and he is also considered a good Catholic. He came in the class of his own accord, procured a catechism, and had all his lessons perfectly. A short while before Christ-

mas the Catholics had general confession. Juan went, and the next day he did not return to school. I waited a few days to see if he would come back, then requested Miss Lucy to go to see his mother. I knew the priest was at the bottom of it. His mother said that the priest asked Juan some questions about religion and the Bible, and Juan gave the answers he had learned in the Protestant catechism and the Bible, when the priest made inquiry where he had learned these things, and forbade his returning to the school. I never rested until I had Juan back, and he is as much interested in the catechism as ever.

There were two Catholic schools started during the last term, and some of my children have gone to them, but I think I will get them back.

I have excellent health, and feel strong for the work.

## SALTILLO.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS LELIA ROBERTS, MISS ELLIE B. TYDINGS, MISS KATE P. FANNIN.

Miss Holding, in speaking of this work, says: "I have visited Saltillo twice the past year, and found many things to encourage the workers, and some few to dishearten them.

"Though prejudice is breaking away, and the work grows, the deep poverty of the people prevents rapid growth and prosperity. The missionaries there have been faithful and earnest, and but for their will and energy, the work could not have been brought to its present standing."

The schools at Saltillo are under the immediate charge of Miss Roberts. She reports 44 pupils in the boarding school, 50 in the charity school, 23 in the boys' school, and 34 in the women's class, making 151 under instruction. She thus writes of the work:

The daily session in each school is begun with singing sacred songs, a Bible lesson, and prayer. In the Colegio Ynglés we had 20 music pupils, and 28 in drawing and crayon. As outside pupils we had 2 in music, 2 in painting, and 4 in English.

The girls of our charity school do not attend as regularly as those of the pay school, which would seem to imply that what costs some sacrifice is appreciated more than what does not. These children, though, are too poor to pay, and are often kept at home to help support the family. Besides this, they have to move frequently from place to place to find employment; so that our charity work of one day is no indication of what it will be one month from that time. It rises and falls by no determined law, unless it can be said to depend upon the amount of work a given place can furnish day laborers.

Saltillo has more poor people than work in which to keep them employed. The children who come most constantly to this school show decided im-



provement in their studies, appearance, and conduct. Their ability to memorize, understand, and, apply the truths of the Bible is often astonishing.

In our boys' school, as elsewhere, we have tried to sow the seed prayerfully, trusting that some of these youths may become men "after God's own heart," who will in days to come teach their own people the Truth that will make them free.

Our Woman's Sewing Society was organized February 29, and meets twice a week. The 34 members made 105 garments for themselves, besides a number for other people for which they received pay. Though very poor, they paid us for the cloth we sold them at reduced rates, \$35.79 in all. We allow them to sew during the first part of the meeting, and teach them a Bible lesson before closing. They have learned many of our gospel songs, and study the Bible both in the Society and at their homes.

The work is divided among the teachers as follows: Miss Tydings attends to and keeps an account of the daily household expenses. These include the amount spent for food, wood, servants, and a part of the washing. She conducts chapel service in Colegio Ynglés every morning, teaches her music class, visits our patrons, especially the sick ones, distributes tracts and other religious literature, and assists in all devotional exercises. Miss Fannin teaches writing, drawing, and crayon in Colegio Ynglés, writing and drawing in the charity school, and has two outside pupils in painting and English. She has entire charge of the sewing department, both in school and the woman's society work. Not being able to talk Spanish, she visits with me, and when we find a patient she prescribes and we both administer the medicine. Mattie Roberts has charge of all the boys during the day, and of two of them both day and night. Isabel Hill teaches the charity school, helps with the housekeeping, visits and distributes tracts with Miss Tydings, and is organist for Sunday school and Church. My part is to try to work myself and help others to the best advantage.

Miss Tydings assists Miss Roberts and has a fine class in music. She writes:

The music class has kept me employed until 5 p.m., and part of the summer until 6 o'clock. Four of the pupils I had last year have moved away and six have been taken from us, by priestly counsel, and put in Catholic schools. My best pupil married, and another has not been allowed to return since the death of her mother. Although new ones have entered, the class has not been so full as last term, but all have made more perceptible progress. One of our girls who began music last term has been our organist during Isabel's absence, and does remarkably well.

When I came to Mexico, I feared it would be impossible for me to *love* these people. Their filthiness repulsed; while their exceeding friendliness when with you, and treachery the moment they were out of your presence, was inconceivable, and their almost utter lack of truthfulness was to me inexcusable. But since being with them day after day, and realizing how all these generations they have known nothing but deceit and superstition, I have grown to feel very differently toward them, and trust with the help of Christ to lead some to know and serve him.

Miss Fannin gives some account of her work in the following letter:

At the close of our last school year Miss Holding thought it advisable to open an art class in our school, and I went, at her desire and with Miss Roberts's consent, to the seminary to make some preparation to begin teaching in this new department.

On returning to Saltillo the last of April, I found Miss Roberts with her hands more than full, and was glad to be able to relieve her of some of the burden. We formed a large drawing class in the girls' pay school, and have found it a success. In this school I have assisted in every way I could.

In the charity school I have taught the children lessons in drawing upon the blackboard and drilled them in writing. Most of these poor little children possess decided talent for drawing, which, if cultivated, may one day prove of great service to themselves and their country.

I have had the children's sewing classes. They are fond of needlework, and their deft little fingers become quite expert with the needle. While busy with their sewing I encourage them to sing their Sabbath school songs and repeat verses.

Twice a week we have had our woman's sewing and Bible classes. The regular attendance has been from ten to fifteen. Sometimes one of the women will lay aside her work, take out her Bible and read over the verses to be memorized for that day's lesson, and the others will repeat them until learned. At 6 o'clock the Bible lesson begins. Miss Roberts teaches them, and it is encouraging to note the deep interest manifested, and that they are gaining new light at each meeting.

I have had an outside class in painting and English. We trust this may result in eventually extending our influence into the higher classes.

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## NORTHWEST MEXICO.

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### DURANGO.

#### MISSIONARY.

MISS KATE C. MCFARREN.

Miss Holding writes that she found it impossible to visit Durango during the year, as there is no railroad connection, though the road is in progress of building, and it is thought that by another year this beautiful city will be easy of access. Miss Holding says she met Miss McFarren at San Luis Potosi while the annual meeting of the missionaries of the Woman's Board was in session, and the letter spoke encouragingly of her work and appeared satisfied with the property that had been purchased, though she greatly desired to add to it a piece of ground adjoining. Miss H. thinks the work has grown in favor with the people and has been placed upon a more

permanent basis since the Board owns property, and thinks there is no reason why the "MacDonell Institute" shall not come to the front in our mission work in Mexico.

Miss McFarren is Principal of the school, and says:

The session of ten months closed early in November with a little entertainment, including the examination of several classes, exercises in vocal music, and light gymnastics. The children did themselves credit and gave pleasure to all present.

The general health of the school has been good; progress has been made in every department; there has been a decided advance in spiritual life and development, and nearly all of the older pupils are now members of the Church.

In the early part of the year we had a visit from Miss Holding, which resulted in the purchase by the Board of a fine property for the school. Necessary arrangements for the purchase and repairing of the new property occupied much time during the year, but we now rejoice in having a building peculiarly adapted to our present needs, and capable of being made large enough to meet the demands of the future if we can secure a little part of the adjoining property.

We have in school 1 missionary, 1 teacher, 1 native teacher, and 54 pupils.

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## CHIHUAHUA.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS A. V. WILSON.

MISS MATTIE DORSEY, *Assistant*.

The Board at the last annual meeting appropriated money to build on the fine property in Chihuahua, and appointed Mrs. S. S. Park, Corresponding Secretary of Texas Conference Society, to superintend the building. She faithfully fulfilled her mission as far as the funds went, and brought the work to the point it can easily be completed with the necessary additional appropriation.

In writing of the building Miss Holding says: "The house is well built; and when completed, there will be no home and school better situated or adapted to the necessities of the work in the entire Mission." She calls attention to the statistics of Miss Wilson as showing a fine increase over the previous year, and thinks there will be a much larger number of pupils in the new and more attractive building.

Miss A. V. Wilson, the Principal, thus writes of her work:

We are nearing the close of our second school year of Colegio Palmoré, and have come, by the grace of God and the liberality of the Woman's Board of Missions, into a large place. Our difficulties have sometimes appeared unconquerable, but they seem now to be of the past, and a fair opportunity for good opens before us.

We are occupying our beautiful new home, have considerable increase in the number of pupils, and have frequent intimations of the interest awakened in our enterprise and the favor with which it is received.

Our new chapel is finished, and we will use it so soon as the walls are thoroughly dry. The city authorities are planting trees, making a new acequia, and otherwise improving the street in front of our premises. They will broaden and grade it, thus making a fine drive. The property in the neighborhood is undergoing improvement, so that we are likely to be drawn into the fashionable quarter of Chihuahua, a result not pleasing to my taste, but no doubt to the advantage of the school.

In our school we have 1 missionary, 1 assistant teacher, 1 native teacher, and 55 pupils. The attendance is remarkably good, children and parents showing great attachment to the school.

From the Texas Conference Society, through Mrs. S. S. Park, of Galveston, we received a contribution of household goods, also \$113 in money toward putting a fence in front of the building.

Mrs. Park was with us during a large part of the year, giving all of her time and strength to the management of the workmen engaged on the new building.

The appropriation was not sufficient to complete all of the building that is under roof, but we hope to have everything in good order before the summer rains set in. We have had excellent health among teachers and children during the year.

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## CENTRAL MEXICO.

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### SAN LUIS POTOSI.

#### MISSIONARIES.

MISS REBECCA TOLAND,

MISS MARY TURNER.

MISS MARY MASON, *Teacher*.

The following encouraging letter about the work in San Luis Potosi has been received from Miss Holding:

I have had the pleasure of visiting the San Luis Mission twice during the year. Each time I was pleased to note the progress of the work, and an increase in the number of pupils. At this writing all four departments of the work are in operation. As far as the wealth and prosperity of the people are concerned, I consider it far in advance of any other of our mission stations in Mexico. The climate cannot be surpassed. Our Mission Home, since the "small property" was added, is ample. All departments of work are carried on within the same compound. The workers are cheerful and press forward hopefully.

Miss Toland, who was for some years at Laredo Seminary, is in charge at San Luis Potosi, and in earnest words gives the report of the work:

We opened school January 5, with encouraging prospects for the new

year; each teacher was in her place, and each month has brought a steady increase of pupils. With the exception of those who moved away from the city, only two pupils were withdrawn from the school during the year. For a number of months the boys and girls occupied the same class rooms, but fearing the girls' department might be injured by such arrangement, I put the boys in a room to themselves, Miss Turner taking charge of them, while I took charge of the girls' room.

We have endeavored to give satisfaction to our patrons, and they seem well pleased with what we have done. After a year's effort we succeeded in buying two small houses adjoining our property, and have erected three nice schoolrooms, which have been greatly needed.

The Lord has blessed us continually. We have kept well and had no trials or discouragements to suffer in our work. The things that were too hard for us, we left to the Lord, knowing that we had only our own part to bear.

With one exception, all the children have joined heartily in our religious exercises. They all understand before entering that we have the Bible in the school, and that we expect each one to take part in the devotional services.

Three girls have boarded with us during the year. One of these has been supported by the school, and I have taken her to train as a house-keeper.

Our building was not finished as soon as we had hoped, and the charity school could not be opened before April 20. The beginning of this school was small, but Eloisa Palacios has done faithful work with her few pupils, and gained their love. At the close of the year she had eighteen pupils enrolled.

Miss Turner and Miss Mason distributed quite a number of tracts during the first part of the year; later they did not find the people so eager for them as formerly.

Miss Turner and I have taught English classes outside of the regular school hours. We did this to make ourselves known to as many of the better class of people as possible. This line of work will not be continued another year.

Our prices for tuition have been put very low because of the number of private and public schools in San Luis, but we have received from our patrons during the year \$860.50. We received as a donation from the Juveniles of the Western Virginia Conference \$114.41, with which we bought a cooking stove for our home and an organ for the charity school.

Our numbers are: Missionaries, 2; helper, 1; native teacher, 1; pupils, 78.

Miss Turner, who has shared with Miss Toland the duties of the school, writes that health and strength have been given her for each day's service. She is much pleased with the progress made by her pupils, and trusts that some good seed have found lodgment in their hearts that will bear fruit to the honor of God.

# STATISTICS OF MEXICAN WORK.

## MEXICAN BORDER MISSION CONFERENCE.

## LAREDO SEMINARY.

Missionaries.....	3
Helper.....	1
Teachers.....	10
Native teacher.....	1
Pupils.....	244
Sunday school pupils.....	212
Missionary Society.....	104
Communicants.....	52
Woman's Bible training class.....	76

## LAREDO DAY SCHOOL.

Missionary.....	1
Native teacher.....	1
Pupils.....	153

## NUEVO LAREDO.

Day school pupils.....	60
Native Church Auxiliary Missionary Society.....	56

## SALTILLO.

Missionaries.....	3
Assistant.....	1
Native teacher.....	7
Pupils.....	111
Sunday school pupils.....	46
Communicants.....	14
Woman's work.....	34

## NORTHWEST MEXICAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

## DURANGO.

Missionary.....	1
Teacher.....	1
Native teacher.....	1
Pupils.....	54

## CHIHUAHUA.

Missionary.....	1
Helper.....	1
Pupils.....	55
Native teacher.....	1

## CENTRAL MEXICO MISSION CONFERENCE.

## SAN LUIS POTOSI.

Missionaries.....	2
Helper.....	1
Native teacher.....	1
Pupils.....	78

## SUMMARY.

Missionaries.....	11
Helpers.....	4
Teachers.....	12

Native teachers.....	7
Total missionaries, teachers, helpers.....	34
Total number under instruction (woman's work included)....	935
Schools .....	12
Communicants (not full).....	66
Value of property.....	\$70,000

## BRAZIL.

### PIRACICABA.

#### MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. H. WATTS,

MISS SALLIE M. PHILLIPS,

\* MRS. LIDA H. DICKSON,

MRS. E. E. BRELSFORD.

\* Married the past year, but assisted in the school until the close of the term.

The college at Piracicaba, now in the tenth year of its organization, has from the first, with the exception of salaries of missionaries, met all current expenses, which shows the class of patrons, and the hold it maintains on the people. Situated in a healthful location, it has had no hindrances from epidemics and has become an established center for the education and Christian training of Brazilian girls. Miss Watts, who organized the school, has continued the Directress, and thus sums up the year's work.

The first term of the *Collegio Piracicabano* began February 10, 1891, and closed December 10. The missionaries who took part in the work until the first of July were Miss Phillips, Miss Howell, Mrs. Brel-ford, Miss Ross, and myself. In July Miss Ross went to Rio to help Miss Bruce. Our assistants were Dona Geraldina Borges and her sister, Dona Eliza (both of whom were our pupils in former years), and two pupil teachers. Miss Eugenia Smith assisted Mrs. Brelsford in the kindergarten, and Miss Jennie Steagall taught classes in arithmetic, geography and English.

The work went on smoothly and the closing exercises showed that teachers and pupils had worked together faithfully. During the year there were 110 matriculations in the primary and secondary departments, and 42 in the kindergarten. There were 26 boarders, 43 pupils that attended Church and Sunday school; 11 are members of the Church and 14 candidates for membership.

The receipts from tuition and board have been adequate for the current expenses of the school. The improvements on the house and property were paid with money appropriated by the Woman's Board. The work of the school has been much the same as in other years, but this year we introduced three new features—sewing for the girls, wood carving for the boys, and vocal music for the entire school. Much labor has been accomplished and many times the feet have been so weary that it was almost impossible

for the spirit to be made glad. Each teacher will give the details of her work in her report.

We will glance backward to see what has been done directly for Jesus. We had regular morning and evening devotional exercises. In the morning the reading in order the gospels and prayer, and reciting verses or "little pillows" in the evening with prayer. School was always opened with scripture reading, a hymn, and prayer, and a hymn or verse given in concert by the school, and a hymn or verse were the closing exercises. Three mornings in the week were given to as close study of the Bible as we could expect from children, the results of which were commended by the pastor who was present at the examination. The studies were the history of John the Baptist as the forerunner of Christ, and of Christ until the first miracle in Cana. Pains were taken to bring out the doctrines of our Church, and rules for right living. On Sunday morning, before breakfast, we gave a half hour to singing hymns and reciting verses from the Bible. All of the boarders, except the little ones and those who entered late in the term (and these learned something), learned to recite the Apostles' Creed, the Commandments, a hymn that was not in the Hymn Book, the Beatitudes, the twelfth of Romans, the thirteenth of Corinthians, the first of First John, and the twenty-third Psalm. In the afternoon of Sunday the Sunday school lesson for the following Sunday was carefully studied with the children, and the next Saturday the same lesson was gone over with one of the pupil teachers as guide. Our children knew the Sunday school lesson better than any others in the school.

As will be seen, the most of this evangelical work has been given to the children who live with us. With the day pupils we only have opportunity to sow the seed; that which is done in the home is not only seed-sowing, but nurturing the plant and bringing it to the fruit bearing stage.

Out of the house I have done very little—a few words of consolation to the bereaved and a few social visits, a few letters as "words in due season" about cover the ground, but Mrs. Brelsford has spent the afternoons of Sunday in visiting the sick, the sad, and the imprisoned, carrying flowers and scripture texts to the suffering ones, and during the week has made visits and distributed tracts—Miss Phillips has also made visits and given away many tracts, and when she could not take them she has made neat little packages and sent them to the parents and friends of the pupils. Mrs. Dickson, before her marriage, made a round of visits on Wednesdays to some of the members of the Church, reading the Bible to them. The result of one of these visits was that we were enabled to make a poor creature happy and comfortable in her last days. She was a member of our Church who had been lost sight of by moving around. Miss Ross's work was mostly in the schoolroom, but she also taught the children to sew and sewed for them and cared for the sick children. Each one of us had work in the Sunday school. I can truly say that all have filled up the waking moments with work for their Master.

Mrs. Dickson speaks briefly of her work:

The year has been one of steady teaching, with little variety in the details



of work. Finding it necessary to teach out of school hours to get through with my music class, I was relieved of the care of study hour, which duty devolved upon the pupil teachers, Misses Smith and Steagall.

Aside from music, I have taught English, writing, and the entire school in singing.

I have had a very interesting class in Sunday school. When I first took the class, it consisted of three bright young girls, but now it has increased to eight who attend very regularly, and several others who come occasionally.

I have endeavored this year to do more visiting than heretofore. My visits were chiefly among the poorer class. I was always received cheerfully in these humble homes, and the gospel was heard gladly.

Miss Phillips writes as follows:

My work in the schoolroom has been double that of last year, having taught various branches from higher mathematics down to the little primary just out of the kindergarten; and I also had a class of little girls in sewing. The children made commendable progress in their line of work, and at the close of the term made a creditable display of handiwork.

Our pupils appreciate us, and to prove their esteem I will relate a little incident which occurred some months ago. One Saturday evening there was occasion to get a prescription filled for a sick girl. To reach the drug store I had to pass through the central portion of the city. Near the open square of the cathedral, the most public place in the city, I heard my name shouted. On looking around in the direction of the sound I saw a merry group of our girls passing on the opposite side at some distance, bowing and bidding me "Boa tarde," which means "Good evening." A little further on a boy came rushing toward me on a velocipede. He also shouted, in loud voice, "Good evening, Miss Phillips," and ran up for a little chat. He had been a pupil—our only red-headed one—and came to us for some months, but proved so great a trial at home his parents concluded to withdraw him from our day school and put him in a boarding school. Thus we have lost our wild boy, who already showed signs of order, but his friendly greeting proved that faithful instruction had left a pleasant impression upon his mind.

I have completed the course of study for new missionaries, and have supplemented it by careful study of the majority of our Brazilian text-books for the school, and also by newspaper reading.

Sunday school work has been earnestly carried on, which means more than in the home land, because the people here do not appreciate our religion nor our Bible.

The kindergarten of the college is under the care of Mrs. Brelsford, who tells of its progress:

The term closed with twenty-six pupils, varying from seven to twelve years of age. The attendance has been good, but during the latter part of the term whooping-cough broke out, keeping some at home for several weeks. At the close of the first five months a class of eight girls went into a higher department. Eight or ten are ready for promotion the next term.

The faithful endeavor to inspire a love of knowledge for the sake of

knowledge was rewarded by devotion and untiring zeal, remarkable in those so young and untrained. The conduct of pupils was uniformly good.

Great delight was manifested when knives were introduced to teach the boys wood carving. In the first lessons many slight wounds were dressed and tears dried, but soon they became quite expert, and cutting day was hailed with delight.

Twelve texts containing the fundamental truths of the gospel were developed, one or two each month. Those in regular attendance not only seemed to grasp the ideas presented, but stored the lessons in their memories, which in future years they may put into practice. For those children having no home training I endeavored to lay a sure foundation upon which to build Christian character. One bright little boy said: "I knew nothing when I came here, but now have many letters from my heavenly Father." Another said: "Yes, everything is true in the kindergarten, but my ears hear evil on the street."

My assistant, Miss Genie Smith, has rendered valuable service.

The wood carving department of our school originated by force of circumstances. It became necessary that sewing should be taught one day of each week, the lesson continuing one hour and a half. This left the boys without occupation at that time, and they were organized into a carving class. Tools not being available, knives were substituted. The number in the class was nineteen. During the term the interest never abated, and from this experience I am convinced that it is of great importance that the hand be trained in early life. This is the secret of success with the kindergarten pupils.

I call attention to the Flower Mission, though can only give a short sketch of the work. Beginning with six, we now have twenty enrolled. Every Sunday afternoon the band meets at the church for a prayer service and to appoint a committee for visiting. Sometimes before we reach our destination the committee has increased to twenty, recruits by the way desiring to "lend a helping hand." To the lepers our footsteps were divinely directed, and they received the first visit and words of encouragement.

Through the medium of flowers many fragments of holy writ found entrance into hovels along the byways and hedges, and we trust, into the hearts and consciences of many. Visits to the jail were full of interest and encouragement. The words of our Lord seemed to rest upon us like a benediction: "I was sick and in prison, and ye visited me." Lately we have been accompanied by a woman, a member of our Church, who is quite poor and washes for a living. She has the gift of prayer and an aptitude for explaining the Scriptures, and, with some training, would make a most valuable Bible reader.

## RIO DE JANEIRO.

### MISSIONARIES.

\* Miss MATTIE B. JONES,  
Miss MARCIA MARVIN,

† Miss ELLA GRANBERY (MRS. TUCKER),  
Miss LULA ROSS.

\* Home on leave. † Married during the year, but assisted in the school until called home by affliction.

Rio did not escape the yellow fever scourge the past year, but

under a merciful providence the lives of our missionaries were preserved. The school, though not full, was kept open. Miss Bruce has removed to Juiz de Fora, but still has charge of the Rio District. She thus writes of that work:

The year began full of hope. The weather was very warm, but the season was considered favorable, and it was thought the city would escape the dreadful scourge that is so fatal and terrible.

Our school opened well during the first month. There were matriculated twenty-nine pupils, eighteen of whom were boarders, and all gave fine promise. Just at this time, however, the fever, like some dreadful beast of prey lying in ambush, burst out with unusual malignity, and from the 1st of March into the cool weather, friends, acquaintances, and a vast unknown multitude were swept before us as grass before a flame of fire. In all these long days the tension of anxiety and strict vigilance to keep all well in the house was never relaxed, and through God's mercy we had no serious sickness throughout the entire year.

The attendance fluctuated during the long sickly time, but the classes went steadily on, though there was much irregularity on the part of the teachers, two of whom lived out of the house.

Miss Granbery more than once went to the relief of those in sore need. Miss Jones having returned to the States for much needed rest, it was all that Miss Marvin and myself could do to take Miss Granbery's work; but we felt that by God's blessing she had helped those who otherwise would have suffered, perhaps died.

In July we were reënforced by Miss Ross from Piracicaba. Miss Granbery married, but continued in the school until the latter part of September, when she was called home by affliction in her father's family.

In accordance with plans acted upon by the Board at its annual meeting, we took steps toward beginning the work in Juiz de Fora, believing it to be of great importance to make an effort before the close of the year. Miss Brown arrived August 14, and went to Juiz de Fora, followed by myself and a number of girls—boarders from the Rio College—and school was begun September 14. Miss Marvin and Miss Ross were left in charge at Rio. This school went on with the hindrances of absent teachers and irregular pupils until the close of the Christmas holidays. There were matriculated during the year forty-one pupils, twenty-nine being the highest number in attendance at one time. Eleven pupils from Rio are now in the Juiz de Fora school.

Religious instruction has been faithfully given, line upon line and precept upon precept, and there are many things to encourage us in the love the children show for our hymns and services. They have been taught the Commandments, the Creed, the Golden Texts, and many other Bible verses. It is needless to say that all of our household attend Sunday school and other Church services.

Two of our household were received into the Church during the year; one girl, a former day pupil who first heard the gospel through us, and one

old colored woman. We thank God and take courage at these manifestations of his love, and that he calls some through us.

Our sisters have been faithful and united in their work, and are ready to stand at their posts.

It has been recommended in its proper place that the day school be continued in Rio, and that the visiting among women be developed.

The statistical results of our year's work do not show great things according to human measurement.

Miss Marvin tells of her work in the following letter:

My duties the past year have been much the same as heretofore. I am glad to report a decided improvement in our girls in their cheerful obedience in the sewing class and in their household duties.

The children, being required to speak English to me, always had an opportunity of practicing the English taught them in school; and in addition to this I had the pleasure of teaching them many verses from the Bible, the Ten Commandments, and the Apostles' Creed. The very small children learned the Creed and Commandments surprisingly well from hearing them repeated at evening prayers.

Within the last two or three months I have made visits both among the English and Brazilians. Some of these people are members of our Church; others are not. In some of these homes the angel of death had entered, leaving loving hearts bleeding and open to sympathy. How much has been accomplished by these visits I know not; but I believe, by the blessing of God, that partly through these visits two of my Sunday school class have been brought into the Church; one, a young lady who seems to have weighed the subject well before uniting with our Church. When a small child, she was baptized in the Catholic Church, but it seems for some time she has been very unhappy, longing for something better. Now that restless, unhappy expression has gone from her face, and in its place is the expression of peace and rest. The other scholar who has so lately joined the Church is a child, a sister of the young lady of whom I have just written. This child too evidently understands what she has done in taking this important step.

Aside from visiting I have felt impressed that other much needed work could be done by giving tracts, books from the New Testament, etc., to men and women on the streets and in their homes. This I have done a few times, and have reason to believe some of them are read.

Early in the summer Miss Ross went from Piracicaba to Rio to the help of Miss Bruce, whose force was reduced by the coming home of Miss Jones and Mrs. Tucker. She tells of her varied duties the past year:

The first half of the year I spent in Piracicaba. In June the call came to lay down the work so dear to my heart, to go to a distant city, where yellow fever had been raging for months, and smallpox had become epidemic. My heart almost failed me, but I soon became interested in my new field of labor. The Brazilian children are very precious to me, and my heart goes out to them with a tenderness that makes light any cross I have to bear for their sakes.

During the past three months I have had some share in the responsibility of the Rio school, and have become greatly interested. The division of the school at the beginning of the last quarter reduced our number to twenty-one. After Miss Bruce's removal to Juiz de Fora I made every effort to have the work move on systematically. Mrs. Tucker's unexpected departure increased the weight of responsibility, and kept me closely confined to the schoolroom. I was assisted by two good Brazilian teachers, while Miss Marvin had the care of the children out of school. These teachers lived in a distant part of the city, which made their attendance uncertain; and more than once I found myself entirely destitute of help. This, with my limited knowledge of the language, was extremely trying. With the exception of the morning and evening study hours, I had no regular duties out of school, which prevented any injury to my health from the close application to school work.

The attendance during the quarter has been good, the interest of the children increasing from day to day. Habits of study and order were formed which will be of lasting benefit to them.

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## JUIZ DE FORA.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS MARY W. BRUCE,

MISS MOLLIE F. BROWN.

Juiz de Fora is situated in the large State of Minas Geraes, in a delightful mountainous region, about seven hours by railroad from Rio. The Woman's Board opened work here the past year, which gives fine promise, both from an educational and evangelical point of view. Miss Brown went there soon after her arrival in Brazil, last August, and Miss Bruce followed in a short time, taking with her some of the pupils from the boarding school in Rio. Her report of the beginning and growth of the school is interesting and encouraging. She says:

It is with a full heart that we tell of the modest beginning in Juiz de Fora. It seems to us an open door.

Miss Brown went before me in September, and I followed on the 7th with eight of our boarders from Rio, and we opened on the 14th with thirteen pupils. These were added to, one by one, until at the close of the quarter, there were eleven boarders and eleven day pupils, making twenty-two in all.

There were some difficulties (a small house, and a lack of the accessories of a well-equipped school); but, taken all together, the work was pleasant and satisfactory.

Being near the end of the year, many pupils who will come to us were already in other schools, so that for the beginning of the new term we have a number promised, and there is every reason to hope for a good school.

While we have already a Christian element, not only in the city, but in the country around, and we shall have patronage from the believers, yet there are breakers ahead. The line is sharply drawn, and we may expect

persecution. We know in whom we have believed, and we do not forget the God of past deliverances.

We need a building suitable for the work proposed. Miss Brown has been of great service already, and is making rapid progress in the language, and will soon be able to take her place in the school work.

In connection with school and Sunday school, we have made an effort to have meetings for women, with much to encourage us.

Miss Brown writes of her beginning and hopes for the future:

I sailed for Brazil on July 18, 1891, reaching Rio de Janeiro on the 14th of August. I was most cordially welcomed by the sisters in Rio, and spent three weeks most pleasantly with them. I began the study of the Portuguese language on Monday after my arrival on Friday, Miss Bruce teaching me how to read the twenty-third Psalm.

In company with Isabel Grady, a child of American parentage and of the "home" girls, I went to Juiz de Fora, and with the assistance of the brethren and sisters there arranged for the opening of the school in anticipation of the coming of Miss Bruce.

I began teaching English the first week of the school, also penmanship.

The round of household duties, together with teaching and studying, has filled every day. I am so impatient about acquiring the language that my sisters say I want to learn it all at once.

I have been blessed with almost perfect health, and thus have been enabled to attend Sunday school, church, and prayer meeting with regularity. Besides the spiritual lessons learned at these services, I am of the opinion that as good a knowledge of the language can be obtained from listening attentively to the sermon, songs, and prayers as from actual study. The earnestness and devotedness of these believers have been truly comforting.

The first term of the "Collegio Mineiro" was satisfactory. The children were studious, always interesting, and generally obedient.

I have had the sewing class and have succeeded in keeping the little ones as well as the larger ones busy and interested.

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## INDIAN MISSION.

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### TEACHERS.

MISS GREGORY,

MISS BREWSTER.

REV. J. J. METHVIN, *Superintendent.*

The work of the Woman's Board in this field is exclusively among the wild tribes. At Anadarko is a boarding and industrial school, which in time will be almost self-sustaining. Miss Gregory has charge of the internal affairs of the school.

At Little Washita a small day school was opened by Miss Brewster, which has grown in interest and so won upon those people that they are hoping for something better.

Other places still farther on are open for work, and the Indians are calling for somebody to come and tell them about the "good

way." The necessities of this perishing race appeal to our Christian sympathies, and now is the time to help them.

Rev. J. J. Methvin, who has been so faithful and untiring in that hard and difficult field, is giving noble service to the Woman's Board in watching over the interests of its work. In a recent letter he gives a very encouraging report of the schools, and makes suggestions for another year:

Your work in this field of missionary operations has been more encouraging this year than at any time in the past. With a few exceptions our patrons have been willing patrons who have themselves asked to put their children in school, and I believe the school is growing in favor all the while. The pupils are making proper progress. It is necessarily slow at first, as they come into the school knowing no English at all, and must learn first to speak a little before "lessons" can be taught them.

Miss Gregory has been very faithful and efficient in her work as teacher, and also in her management of the interior workings of the school. I repeat what I have said before: that she is worthy of your full confidence.

Miss Lindsey has been for some time now in charge of the general domestic affairs in the school, and she has met the responsibilities of her place and fulfilled her duties well.

Andres Martinez is now employed as industrial teacher and interpreter. He is a captive Mexican, brought up among the Kiowas, was converted and joined our Church nearly two years ago. The ladies in the school say they have but little anxiety while Andres Martinez is about. This expresses their confidence in his efficiency and faithfulness.

Elijah Cerillo, another Mexican (not a captive), has been for some time in the culinary department, and is the most efficient cook we have yet had. He was converted, and joined our Church last week.

Mary Zo-tôm, a Kiowa woman, aids in the seamstress work, and also in the laundry. Under the direction of Miss Lindsey, she does good work. With this force we have been running the school for some time without a jar.

Perfect harmony prevails, a good religious influence pervades the school, Christian love lubricates the machinery, and running is smooth. The young ladies hold a prayer meeting and Bible reading with the employees and pupils once or twice a week in the evening, after the usual routine work is done. This I think has a very gracious influence.

Mrs. Avant has been faithful in her camp work, and she has done good that will show hereafter more than now. This feature of the work has many apparent discouragements, but it is very necessary to continue it. Persistent effort along this line will surely result in great good. I regret that we shall lose Mrs. Avant from the work, but on account of her health and growing family, she asks to be relieved. I shall endeavor to find some one to take her place after the present quarter.

Miss Brewster's work, on Little Washita, interests me much. She has gathered the children of that community into a little school, and so won them that now it will be no difficult task to continue that school as a day school, and this is a long step forward for this people. Miss Brewster is full

of faith and love; her influence is felt wherever she goes. This much in reference to the employees engaged under the Woman's Board.

The school building has been greatly improved; but having run short of funds, we did not finish the work on the building that we had planned. As soon as this work is finished, which we hope to do during the spring or summer, the capacity of the building will be more than doubled, and its appearance will be greatly improved. It is located on a beautiful eminence one mile south of the Agency, with one-half of the farm lying in the bottom. During the past year we had only twenty-six acres of this bottom in cultivation; this year we will have sixty acres. I have rented the farm for this year for one-third of the proceeds, but after this it will be better to stock the farm and cultivate it from the school. When we get it under thorough cultivation, the produce will go largely toward supporting the school.

In estimating for another year I wish to insist that you enlarge your work here a little. First, in the school. During the present session we have carried on the roll thirty pupils (the regular attendance has been less), but we should increase another session to at least sixty in regular attendance. That will make necessary two teachers instead of one in the literary department, and one additional in the domestic department. Second, in the camp work: one here in Mrs. Avant's place; one on Little Washita to take Miss Brewster's place, and send Miss Brewster still farther among the Comanches, on West Cache, to a field white unto the harvest. She is ready and anxious to go there now. Then one more about fifty miles west of this place, among the Kiowas, at a place where the government is building an Indian school, called Rainy Mountain.

This whole Reservation is white unto the harvest. From various quarters the Indians are asking for somebody to come and tell them about the "good way," and they are ready now to receive any one who comes for this purpose. Indeed, our mission work here is at a crisis now. We could sweep the field had we the necessary force. We need to put more laborers into this harvest, and do it speedily. The General Board is slow about supplying more men for this work. I trust your Board can do better in sending the necessary women, and it may be that the Lord will give us the victory through the women. If so, God be praised!

We shall need an appropriation for the building of necessary waterworks at the school. We have only a well on the place at present. It affords water enough, but we need a windmill, pump, tank, etc., to make water not only plentiful, but convenient for the work on the place, and in case of fire. We need also a large cistern to secure soft water for washing purposes.

In closing I will say that your work here is in good condition, but it needs your fostering care and earnest prayers. We held a protracted meeting recently which resulted in much good, giving the whole interest of the Church an outward movement. It would have done your heart good to have seen these great rugged-faced Indians come with streaming eyes asking for prayers, and to hear them testify of the goodness of God to them. The woman's work here very much aids in making such meetings possible; and if there is any field that should appeal directly to woman's heart, it is this. We are bound by every solemn obligation of our holy religion to give this perishing people the gospel.



# Report of Home Work, 1891-92.

**Mrs. S. C. TRUEHEART, Secretary of Home Affairs.**

No enterprise of wide-reaching results is nurtured in the lap of ease. Success is attained at the price of labor, self-abnegation, self-sacrifice, and unremitting perseverance. Missionary workers, whose duty it is to equip and sustain the force sent out to break down the strongholds of superstition and ignorance, must be *heroes*, as well as those who go out to meet the enemy face to face. (The work may not call forth the admiration of an enthusiastic multitude; it may not move onward with the blast of trumpets, heralding splendid achievements, but it demands the noblest type of womanhood to work for God and humanity, eager to obey the Head of the Church, to glorify his name among all people. Like the wonderful corals, they build without observation, amid the turbulence of selfishness and infidelity, rearing a structure that will one day be "the joy of the whole earth.")

The year just closing opened inauspiciously, causing some apprehension. Miss Mary Helm, the efficient Secretary, was compelled to give up the duties of her office because of ill health. Mrs. Nathan Scarritt, who was chosen to fill the office until Miss Helm was able to resume the work, found it inexpedient to accept, and as a last resort the Woman's Board, at a called session, in Nashville in July, elected one whose hands were too full to do very satisfactory work. This may account in some measure for whatever of unfulfilled expectation the Board may experience when reading this report.

In spite of hindrances a degree of success has attended the work.

STATISTICS.		Increase.
Auxiliaries.....	2,266	188
Members.....	45,844	3,281
Young People's and Juvenile Societies.....	1,138	14
Members.....	35,119	3,202
Total Societies.....	3,404	132
Total members.....	80,963	5,483
Life members.....	1,893	decrease 228
Honorary life members.....	100	41
Honorary life patrons.....	9	....

The *Missionary Advocate* is a power for good; and the juvenile paper, the *Little Worker*, is growing in favor, and no doubt helped to swell the numbers of our juveniles.

The angel of death has taken from our midst the beloved and efficient Secretary of the White River Conference, Mrs. Florence Malone. "Blessed," as she "died in the Lord," and "her works do follow her." "The Florence Malone Memorial Fund," set on foot by her appreciative colaborers and sisters will year by year help to carry forward the work she loved and perpetuate

her precious memory. May those most deeply bereaved have the comfort of the Holy Spirit, and follow her as she followed Christ!

The week of prayer and thanksgiving was not so fruitful of visible results, but who shall say it is without power? May our workers never forget it! may they never cease to observe it!

"The Scarritt Bible and Training School for Missionaries and Other Christian Workers" is ready for occupancy, and awaits the opening day (September next) with abiding assurance of success. What limitless possibilities for good cluster about this institution! May the women of the Church see to it that it never falls below expectation!

From all parts of the work have come eager inquiries as to the best methods of work. How to arouse the indifferent; increase the membership; increase the collections; secure workers for foreign lands; how to induce a better attendance upon the monthly meetings; how to give information, so necessary to the advancement of the enterprise; and above all, how to broaden and deepen the interest already felt? These are some of the earnest questions that have shown difficulties hard to overcome. More closet work, fuller consecration, entire reliance upon the arm of the Infinite are sufficient, if used aright, to solve every difficulty, answer every perplexing question. When each woman in the entire connection can say from the heart, "All of Christ and none of self," the promised day—the day when Christ shall claim the "heathen as his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession"—will dawn in richness and joy.

## SUMMARY OF HOME WORK FOR 1891-92.

CONFERENCE.	Number of Auxiliaries in the Conference.	Number of Members.	Number of Auxiliaries Organized During the Year.	Number of Members Added During the Year.	Number of Young People's and Juvenile Societies.	Number of Juvenile Members.	Number of Young People's and Juvenile Societies Organized During the Year.	Number of Juvenile Members Added During the Year.	Total Members.	Life Members.	Honorary Life Members.	Honorary Life Patrons.	Scholarships Supported.	Day Schools Supported.	Subscribers to the Woman's Missionary Advocate.	Subscribers to the Little Worker.
Alabama.....	79	1,421	3	31	43	1,440	1	59	2,861	1	1	.....	.....	.....	531	.....
Arkansas.....	27	500	4	89	13	500	2	31	1,000	1	2	.....	1	.....	69	80
Baltimore.....	76	1,911	10	293	26	1,012	4	231	2,923	124	12	.....	7	.....	476	88
Denver.....	2	22	.....	.....	2	42	.....	.....	64	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	.....
East Texas.....	41	757	5	95	26	561	5	107	1,318	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	300	50
Florida.....	84	1,452	1	15	43	1,156	1	23	2,588	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	352	.....
Holston.....	92	1,853	6	109	64	1,631	3	69	3,484	203	.....	.....	1	1	513	278
Indian Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kentucky.....	71	1,460	10	135	33	740	12	189	2,210	141	5	.....	2	.....	500	150
Little Rock.....	47	800	4	.....	32	984	2	.....	1,784	42	2	.....	.....	.....	200	.....
Los Angeles.....	14	299	.....	.....	7	132	1	27	431	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	183	18
Louisiana.....	29	613	.....	.....	17	728	.....	.....	1,341	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....
Louisville.....	63	1,149	2	99	48	854	.....	2	2,003	52	.....	.....	3	.....	330	.....
Memphis.....	62	1,311	11	313	54	1,659	8	104	2,970	106	8	.....	2	1	384	325

Mississippi.....	99	1,232	.....	.....	.....	20	200	.....	.....	1,432	40	.....	.....	.....	400	....	
Missouri.....	80	1,284	18	242	.....	32	772	2	84	2,056	99	24	.....	.....	417	....	
North Alabama.....	77	1,418	12	217	.....	36	1,046	6	94	2,464	23	3	.....	2	360	101	
North Carolina.....	72	1,779	8	159	.....	88	3,431	5	180	5,210	13	.....	.....	.....	360	....	
North Georgia.....	218	4,069	17	228	.....	104	2,902	12	242	6,971	174	8	3	4	855	761	
North Mississippi.....	94	1,683	21	225	.....	52	1,540	9	159	3,223	31	5	.....	.....	515	167	
North Texas.....	37	678	4	79	.....	7	219	2	40	897	35	.....	.....	.....	241	137	
Northwest Texas.....	46	954	14	157	.....	28	1,296	8	288	2,250	24	.....	.....	2	225	70	
Pacific.....	19	387	4	58	.....	11	261	1	21	648	4	.....	.....	.....	177	42	
South Carolina.....	168	3,381	10	301	.....	66	1,884	1	.....	5,265	69	6	1	2	918	221	
South Georgia.....	175	3,213	8	102	.....	72	1,643	5	63	4,856	.....	.....	.....	.....	668	....	
Southwest Missouri.....	68	1,320	1	20	.....	48	1,602	1	89	3,024	207	1	.....	.....	347	....	
St. Louis.....	41	812	5	60	.....	24	625	4	60	1,437	58	.....	.....	4	369	....	
Tennessee.....	74	1,862	1	63	.....	40	1,023	.....	58	2,885	148	16	.....	.....	356	58	
Texas.....	40	759	5	39	.....	20	699	2	92	1,454	38	1	.....	.....	320	....	
Virginia.....	131	3,300	16	100	.....	1	93	.....	.....	3,393	64	.....	.....	2	714	...	
Western Virginia.....	37	632	.....	.....	.....	18	507	2	107	1,139	27	1	.....	.....	87	....	
Western North Carolina.....	68	1,457	4	57	.....	43	1,664	5	.....	3,121	27	1	.....	.....	264	....	
West Texas.....	14	200	1	.....	.....	4	185	.....	.....	385	15	.....	.....	.....	90	40	
White River.....	15	270	1	18	.....	11	335	1	14	605	13	.....	.....	1	50	....	
Western.....	6	102	.....	.....	.....	5	148	2	.....	250	25	.....	.....	.....	37	....	
Total.. ..	2,266	43,942	206	3,304	.....	1,138	33,514	107	2,433	75,942	1,906	85	8	33	7	11,729	2,586

# TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1891-92.

*MRS. H. N. McTYEIRE, JR., Treasurer, in account with Woman's  
Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.*

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## 1891. ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

April	28.	Received of Miss Mary Goodwin, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	41 00
Sept.	1.	By same.....		350 00
	21.	By same.....		375 00
1892.				
Jan.	4.	By same.....		825 00
March	5.	By same.....		30 00
	23.	By same.....		600 00
Total.....				\$ 2,221 00

Of above, \$142.14, self-denial and thank offerings; \$44.94, mite box collections; \$80, life members; \$2, certificates; \$10, Memorial Fund; \$40, scholarships; \$174, special fund; \$3.81, Indian girl.

## 1891. ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

April	30.	Received of Mrs. F. Park, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	66 55
July	30.	By same.....		55 06
Oct.	8.	By same.....		84 35
1892.				
Jan.	9.	By same.....		154 60
Total.....				\$ 360 56

Of above, \$40, China scholarship.

## 1891. BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

July	1.	Received of Miss V. C. Massie, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	401 79
Oct.	1.	By same.....		504 98
Nov.	13.	Received of Mrs. C. B. Brown.....		20 00
Dec.	8.	Received of E. S. Conrad.....		30 00
1892.				
Jan.	9.	Received of Miss V. C. Massie, Conference Treasurer.....		486 96
April	16.	By same.....		754 43
Total.....				\$ 2,198 16

Of above, \$30.05, self-denial and thank offerings; \$131.25, mite box collections; \$205, scholarships; \$50 from the estate of Mrs. Eliza Hensley; \$39.70, new missionaries; \$11.46, Memorial Fund; \$15, Bible woman in China.

## 1891. DENVER CONFERENCE.

July	6.	Received of Mrs. John M. Crowe, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	21 00
	22.	Received of Mrs. S. A. Morrison.....		50 00
Sept.	24.	Received of Mrs. John M. Crowe, Conference Treasurer.....		6 10
Dec.	21.	Received of Mrs. L. W. Duncan.....		10 60
1892.				
March	12.	Received of Mrs. J. A. Duncan, Treasurer.....		17 95
Total.....				\$ 105 65

## 1892. EAST COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

Jan.	9.	Received of Miss M. Yockey, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	6 00
Feb.	19.	By same.....		15 00
March	23.	By same.....		4 55
Total.....				\$ 25 55

## 1891. EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

April	20.	Received of Mrs. R. T. Dorrough, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	27	90
	20.	By same.....		13	20
July	22.	By same.....		209	70
	22.	By same.....		17	05
Sept.	17.	By same.....		14	65
	28.	By same.....		29	40
	28.	By same.....		65	55
Oct.	12.	By same.....		26	85
1892.					
Jan.	9.	By same.....		256	37
Feb.	19.	By same.....		32	00
Total.....				\$	692 67
Of above, \$14.25, mite box collections; \$12, Memorial Fund; \$22.90, new missionaries.					

## 1891. FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

June	30.	Received of Mrs. T. Hartridge, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	500	00
Sept.	28.	By same.....		400	00
Dec.	8.	By same.....		50	00
	10.	Received of Janie M. Tavel.....		6	42
	30.	Received of Mrs. T. Hartridge, Conference Treasurer.....		800	00
1892.					
March	8.	By same.....		82	65
	12.	Received of Mrs. J. V. Peeler, Conference Treasurer.....		66	88
	31.	By same.....		381	75
Total.....				\$	2,287 70
Of above, \$113.88, self-denial and thank offerings; \$100.52, mite box collections; \$116.82, Miss Tydings's work; \$285.65, scholarships.					

## 1891. HOLSTON CONFERENCE.

July	1.	Received of Mrs. N. S. Woodward, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	400	00
Oct.	5.	By same.....		435	70
1892.					
Jan.	4.	By same.....		875	72
	24.	Received of Mrs. J. D. Hamilton.....		20	00
March	5.	Received of Mary J. Whiteman.....		4	26
April	5.	Received of Mrs. N. S. Woodward, Conference Treasurer.....		866	22
Total.....				\$	2,601 90
Of above, \$322.57, self-denial and thank offerings; \$45.01, mite box collections; \$21.50, new missionaries; \$40, life members; \$37.40, Memorial Fund.					

## 1891. INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

June	18.	Received of Mrs. Dora Roberts, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	19	80
Nov.	7.	Received of Mrs. A. H. Dodson, Conference Treasurer.....		43	43
Dec.	5.	Received of Mrs. E. C. Fred.....		10	70
	12.	By same.....		10	50
1892.					
March	12.	By same.....		4	70
Total.....				\$	89 13

## 1891. KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

June	19.	Received of Mrs. S. Noland, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	525	55
Sept.	17.	By same.....		451	76
Nov.	7.	Received of Mrs. S. C. Trueheart.....		15	00
Dec.	12.	Received of Mrs. S. Noland, Conference Treasurer.....		844	90
1892.					
March	19.	By same.....		932	82
	23.	By same.....		17	00
Total.....				\$	2,787 03
Of above, \$575.58, self-denial and thank offerings; \$117.19, mite box collections; \$15, Miss Wilson; \$15, Miss Holding; \$12.35, Miss Polk.					

## 1891. LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

May	10.	Received of Mrs. M. J. McAlmont, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	20	00
July	6.	By same.....		177	23
	22.	By same.....		100	00
Oct.	5.	By same.....		88	65

1892.			
Jan.	28.	By same.....	\$ 140 00
April	5.	By same.....	240 06
Total.....			\$ 765 94

Of above, \$22.30, self-denial and thank offerings; \$12.11, mite box collections, \$98.30, scholarships; \$46, new missionaries; \$100, honorary life member.

#### 1891. LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.

July	1.	Received of Mrs. J. Hamilton, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 30 95
Sept.	28.	By same.....	74 08
Dec.	28.	By same.....	4 60
	28.	By same.....	53 89

1892.

March	28.	By same.....	32 72
April	16.	By same.....	21 80

Total.....\$ 218 04

Of above, \$27.93, self-denial and thank offerings; \$4.42, mite box collections; \$10, Campbell Fund.

#### 1891. LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.

July	6.	Received of Mrs. M. K. Carter, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 574 37
Sept.	24.	By same.....	358 48
Dec.	17.	By same.....	562 21

1892.

March	23.	By same.....	1,125 57
April	5.	By same.....	12 90

Total.....\$ 2,633 53

Of above, \$143.26, self-denial and thank offerings; \$28.03, mite box collections; \$120, scholarships; \$85.55, new missionaries; \$23.28, Memorial Fund; \$4, Miss Davis; \$34.05, Mrs. Brelsford's work.

#### 1891. LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

April	20.	Received of Mrs. S. P. McCutchen, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 179 60
July	6.	Received of "A Friend".....	40 00
Sept.	28.	Received of Mrs. S. P. McCutchen, Conference Treasurer.....	287 10
Nov.	20.	Received of "A Friend".....	20 00

Total.....\$ 526 70

Of above, \$45.20, self-denial and thank offerings; \$15.30, Training School.

#### 1891. MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.

July	1.	Received of Mrs. G. H. Ramsey, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 288 88
Oct.	21.	By same.....	395 29
Dec.	28.	By same (refunded, \$99.57, December 30, 1891).....	568 71

1891.

Jan.	22.	By same.....	40 00
March	26.	By same.....	646 87

Total.....\$ 1,939 75

Of above, \$198.02, self-denial and thank offerings; \$11.77, new missionaries; \$100.55, Rankin Memorial; \$40, Miss Kerr; \$5, Davidson Memorial; \$87.80, Conference pledge.

#### 1891. MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

July	1.	Received of Mrs. A. DeMoss, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 258 17
Sept.	28.	By same.....	181 00
Dec.	28.	By same.....	262 15

1892.

March	8.	Received of Miss A. Pearnell.....	10 00
	26.	Received of Mrs. A. DeMoss, Conference Treasurer.....	385 14
April	8.	By same.....	12 40

Total.....\$ 1,108 86

Of above, \$54.52, self-denial and thank offerings; \$47.69, mite box collections; \$10, boy at Durango.

#### 1891. MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

June	25.	Received of Mrs. A. I. Davis, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 305 11
Aug.	18.	By same.....	15 00
Sept.	24.	By same.....	447 71
	28.	Received of J. M. Barden.....	2 50

1891.			
Dec.	21.	Received of Mrs. A. I. Davis, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 328 47
1892.			
March	12.	By same.....	438 36
		Total.....	\$ 1,537 15
		Of above, \$42.59, mite box collections; \$40, scholarships; \$15, Miss Bruce.	

## 1891. NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

June	22.	Received of Mrs. M. L. Butler, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 407 46
July	30.	By same.....	100 55
Sept.	24.	By same.....	508 95
Nov.	13.	Received of Miss Jennie Brown.....	50 00
Dec.	8.	By same.....	10 00
	29.	Received of Mrs. M. L. Butler, Conference Treasurer.....	501 22
1892.			
March	25.	By same.....	391 03
		Total.....	\$ 1,969 21
		Of above, \$11.04, self-denial and thank offerings; \$7.78, mite box collections; \$60, Bible woman; \$167.60, Conference pledge; \$1, Memorial Fund; \$5.25, purchase of wagon; \$1.84, Mrs. Brewster.	

## 1891. NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

July	22.	Received of R. E. Lyon, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 892 01
Sept.	28.	By same.....	289 63
Dec.	21.	By same.....	439 66
1892.			
March	25.	By same.....	721 05
	25.	Received of Mrs. M. J. Owen .....	2 60
		Total.....	\$ 2,344 95
		Of above, \$26.62, self-denial and thank offerings; \$100.11, mite box collections; \$23.26, Memorial Fund.	

## 1891. NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

July	1.	Received of Miss S. V. Stewart, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 1,223 39
Sept.	21.	Received of Miss Annie F. Candler.....	11 65
Oct.	5.	Received of Mrs. B. Ficklers, Conference Treasurer.....	947 27
1892.			
Jan.	4.	By same.....	1,374 36
April	5.	By same.....	1,160 15
		Total.....	\$ 4,716 82
		Of above, \$5.78, self-denial and thank offerings; \$22.02, mite box collections; \$80, scholarships; \$30, Bible woman; \$1, Memorial Fund; \$45.40, day school; \$11.65, church building at Anadarko.	

## 1891. NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

July	8.	Received of Miss M. A. Clark, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 536 82
Oct.	8.	By same.....	448 93
1892.			
Jan.	9.	By same.....	742 00
April	5.	By same.....	694 98
		Total.....	\$ 2,422 73
		Of above, \$236.91, self-denial and thank offerings; \$141.20, mite box collections; \$1, Memorial Fund; \$100, day school; \$23.55, Conference pledge; \$20, Miss Rankin.	

## 1891. NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

July	3.	Received of Mrs. W. H. Allen, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 263 33
Oct.	1.	By same.....	178 32
1892.			
Jan.	9.	By same.....	200 70
April	12.	By same.....	199 85
		Total.....	\$ 842 20
		Of above, \$20, self-denial and thank offerings; \$18.91, mite box collections; \$30.90, new missionaries; \$9.31, day school; \$1.55, Laredo.	

## 1891. NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

July	3.	Received of Miss Lula Grant, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 219 43
Sept.	24.	By same.....	282 50



1892.			
Jan.	9.	By same.....	\$ 333 10
		Total.....	\$ 835 03
		Of above, \$48.25, self-denial and thank offerings; \$38.38, mite box collections; \$1.10, Memorial Fund.	

## 1891. PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

June	25.	Received of C. F. Rankin.....	\$ 4 50
July	6.	Received of Mrs. M. A. Howard, Conference Treasurer.....	199 30
Oct.	8.	By same .....	95 55
	12.	By same .....	38 90
1892.			
Jan.	4.	Received of Mrs. M. E. Fentress, Conference Treasurer.....	191 10
April	5.	By same.....	102 52
		Total.....	\$ 639 87
		Of above, \$10.80, self-denial and thank offerings; \$2.16, mite box collections; \$3.25, training school; \$100, memory of Dr. Boins.	

## 1891. SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

April	20.	Received of Mrs. E. S. Herbert, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 173 85
July	8.	By same.....	571 26
	22.	By same.....	159 05
Oct.	5.	By same.....	710 98
1892.			
Jan.	13.	By same.....	1,035 13
Feb.	19.	Received of Mrs. O. D. Vaughn.....	1 00
March	19.	Received of two friends.....	180 30
	31.	Received of Mrs. E. S. Herbert, Conference Treasurer.....	1,194 44
April	8.	By same.....	49 85
		Total.....	\$ 4,075 86
		Of above, \$22.65, self-denial and thank offerings; \$21.72, mite box collections; \$1, Memorial Fund; \$55.58, new missionaries; \$84, scholarships; \$60, Bible women.	

## 1891. SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE

June	18.	Received of Rose Hill Juvenile Society.....	\$ 10 00
July	1.	Received of Mrs. W. D. Williams, Conference Treasurer.....	862 30
Sept.	21.	Received of Rose Hill Juvenile Society .....	5 00
Oct.	5.	Received of Mrs. W. D. Williams, Conference Treasurer.....	891 51
1892.			
Jan.	4.	By same .....	1,319 81
March	31.	By same .....	1,205 42
		Total.....	\$ 4,294 04
		Of above, \$89.58, self-denial and thank offerings; \$1,168.27, for Durango; \$6, training school.	

## 1891. SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

June	18.	Received of Mrs. J. M. Clark, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 511 53
Sept.	24.	By same.....	359 02
Nov.	7.	Received of A. C. Van Anglen, Superintendent .....	41 72
Dec.	1.	Received of Mrs. J. M. Clark, Conference Treasurer .....	100 00
Dec.	21.	By same.....	590 58
1892.			
March	2.	By same.....	100 00
	19.	By same.....	758 65
	28.	By same.....	173 79
		Total.....	\$ 2,635 29
		Of above, \$110.86, self-denial and thank offerings; \$8.75, mite box collections; \$281.72, scholarships; \$76.33, day schools; \$74.15, Miss Bruce; \$200, Miss Pyles.	

## 1891. ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.

June	25.	Received of Mrs. C. C. Anderson, Conference Treasurer...	\$ 208 92
Sept.	28.	By same .....	267 30
1892.			
Jan.	4.	By same.....	252 99
March	28.	By same.....	588 84
April	16.	By same.....	50 00
		Total.....	\$ 1,458 05
		Of above, \$134.62, self-denial and thank offerings; \$6.64, mite box collections; \$149.10, scholarships; \$55.36, Miss Bruce's work; \$10.84, Memorial Fund; \$50, Miss Bruce's shoe fund.	

## 1891. TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

June 25.	Received of Mrs. D. H. McGavock.....	\$	15 00
June 30.	Received of Miss F. Irwin, Conference Treasurer.....		1,329 19
Oct. 5.	Received of Mrs. John Adams, Conference Treasurer.....		355 35
1892.			
Jan. 9.	By same.....		712 48
March 5.	Received of Laura McPeak.....		4 30
March 31.	Received of Mrs. John Adams, Conference Treasurer.....		781 73
	Total.....	\$	3,198 05
	Of above, \$400.13, self-denial and thank offerings; \$43.56, mite box collections; \$84.36, Miss Haygood; \$11, Rio; \$48.54, training school; \$15, Miss Holding.		

## 1891. TEXAS CONFERENCE.

June 19.	Received of Mrs. M. E. Steele, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	199 60
Sept. 21.	By same.....		228 55
Dec. 28.	By same.....		372 17
1892.			
March 19.	By same.....		304 76
	Total.....	\$	1,105 08
	Of above, \$13, self-denial and thank offerings; \$12.26, mite box collection; \$215.93, Chihuahua; \$30.90, Conference pledge.		

## 1891. VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

July 3.	Received of Mrs. John Bayley, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	771 85
Oct. 1.	Received of Mrs. J. Kellam.....		11 97
	5. Received of Mrs. John Bayley, Conference Treasurer.....		1,097 38
1892.			
Jan. 4.	Received of Mrs. A. W. Nowlin, Conference Treasurer.....		751 19
	4. By same.....		630 86
	9. Received of Mrs. M. S. Smith.....		30 00
March 28.	Received of Mrs. A. W. Nowlin, Conference Treasurer.....		850 41
	Total.....	\$	4,143 66
	Of above, \$173.44, self-denial and thank offerings; \$289.60, mite box collections; \$158.20, day schools; \$49.17, scholarships; \$44, Bible women; \$10, training school; \$30, Eliza Walker.		

## 1891. WESTERN CONFERENCE.

June 30.	Received of Mrs. M. E. Barker, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	40 92
Oct. 5.	By same.....		56 86
Dec. 28.	By same.....		40 31
1892.			
March 31.	By same.....		17 70
	Total.....	\$	155 79
	Of above, \$16.19, self-denial and thank offerings; \$19.80, mite box collections; \$5, Memorial Fund.		

## 1891. WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

July 3.	Received of Miss A. M. Thornburg, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	52 55
Oct. 5.	By same.....		44 69
Dec. 23.	By same.....		208 53
1892.			
March 31.	By same.....		336 99
	Total.....	\$	642 76
	Of above, \$89.07, self-denial and thank offerings; \$4.33, mite box collections; \$212.23, scholarships; \$13.42, Conference pledge; \$22.52, San Luis.		

## 1891. WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

July 1.	Received of Mrs. W. R. Odell, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	452 47
Sept. 23.	By same.....		569 28
1892.			
Jan. 4.	By same.....		367 50
	Total.....	\$	1,389 25
	Of above, \$31.35, self-denial and thank offerings; \$18.47, mite box collections; \$20, scholarships; \$5, San Luis; \$40, Memorial Fund.		

1891.

## WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

July	3.	Received of Mrs. S. A. Davis, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	56	70
Oct.	5.	By same.....		69	70

1892.

Jan.	4.	By same.....		104	55
April	5.	By same.....		85	75

Total.....\$ 316 70

Of above, \$71.10, self-denial and thank offerings; \$18.45, mite box collections.

1891.

## WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

July	1.	Received of Mrs. P. A. Robertson, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	99	95
Oct.	1.	By same.....		203	88
	5.	By same.....		27	00

1892.

Jan.	4.	By same.....		198	60
April	5.	By same.....		202	87

Total.....\$ 731 80

Of above, \$32.61, self-denial and thank offerings; \$10.85, mite box collections; \$80, scholarships; \$10, Miss Games.

1891.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

April	20.	Received of Miss Lou E. Phillips.....	\$	15	00
May	20.	Received of Mrs. J. Hayes from Miss Wilkins's estate.....		1,950	00
July	6.	Received of Amelia Vioiro, Treasurer.....		5	20
Aug.	18.	Received of C. B. Moseley.....		200	00
	18.	Received of Thomas A. Hearn.....		250	00
Oct.	5.	Received of "A Friend".....		5	00
	12.	Received of Laredo Auxiliary.....		9	60
	14.	Received interest on deposit.....		51	16
	15.	Received interest on deposit.....		160	94
	15.	Received interest on deposit.....		1,450	32
	21.	Received of J. C. Kellam.....		3	40
Dec.	4.	Received of C. B. Moseley.....		400	00
	10.	Received of Mrs. A. Lane.....		1	00
	28.	Received of Luey Summerton, Treasurer.....		15	10
1892.					
Jan.	13.	Received of T. A. Hearn.....		150	00
	13.	Received interest on deposit.....		94	87
	22.	Received of Miss L. Bradford, Treasurer.....		100	00
	24.	Received of Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, sale of life member certificates.....		25	50
	24.	Received of Sallie S. Stout.....			50
April	12.	Received interest on deposit.....		1,180	00
	12.	Received interest on deposit.....		155	25
	12.	Received interest on deposit.....		198	29

Total.....\$ 6,421 13

1891.

## MEMORIAL FUND.

May	20.	Received of Mrs. G. V. Payne, Secretary, memory of Mrs. Maria Boswell and Mrs. E. G. Hobbs.....	\$	2	00
Aug.	18.	Received of Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, found in the purse of Miss Sue Sullivan.....		4	00

1892.

March	19.	Received of M. C. Miller, Treasurer, in memory of Mrs. Mary Allemon.		5	00
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Total.....\$ 11 00

*Mrs. H. N. McTYEIRE, Treasurer, in account with Woman's  
Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.*

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1891			
April	25.	Paid Miss M. B. Jones.....	\$ 115 00
May	14.	Paid T. B. Holt, Treasurer, for Miss L. Strider.....	5 00
	15.	Paid Miss N. E. Holding, stove, etc.....	91 25
	15.	Paid Mrs. E. C. Dowdell, expense to Nashville.....	22 15
	15.	Paid Miss M. G. McTyeire, life member certificates.....	1 00
	26.	Paid Mrs. J. Hayes, President.....	50 00
	29.	Paid Miss B. H. Bennett, Agent.....	320 59
	30.	Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, salary.....	100 00
June	3.	Paid Miss M. L. Gibson, expense to annual meeting.....	50 00
	9.	Paid Mrs. J. Hayes, President.....	40 00
	9.	Paid Miss M. H. Polk.....	50 00
	9.	Paid Miss Lula Ross.....	30 00
	9.	Paid DuBois & Webb.....	15 00
	10.	Paid China craft.....	40 00
	18.	Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, juvenile paper.....	125 00
	18.	Paid Mrs. S. S. Park, travel expenses.....	200 00
	18.	Paid Miss M. B. Jones, salary.....	93 75
	19.	Paid Miss M. F. Brown, outfit.....	200 00
	25.	Paid Miss M. F. Brown, expense to steamer.....	97 50
	25.	Paid Miss M. F. Brown, ticket to Brazil.....	152 50
	30.	Paid Mrs. M. D. Wightman, expense to annual meeting.....	57 66
	30.	Paid Mrs. L. H. McHenry, expense to annual meeting.....	56 20
July	6.	Paid two drafts from China.....	3,679 25
	7.	Paid Miss M. L. Gibson, travel expense.....	21 93
	7.	Paid Miss M. B. Jones, travel expense.....	271 00
	7.	Paid J. J. Methvin, fourth quarter Anadarko.....	27 00
	7.	Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, fourth quarter Chihuahua.....	425 00
	7.	Paid J. J. Methvin, improvements, etc.....	2,750 00
	7.	Paid Miss N. E. Holding, fourth quarter San Luis Potosi.....	562 50
	7.	Paid Miss N. E. Holding, fourth quarter Mexican Border.....	3,041 25
	7.	Paid Miss M. H. Watts, fourth quarter Piracicaba.....	1,026 25
	7.	Paid Miss M. W. Bruce, fourth quarter Rio de Janeiro.....	1,077 50
	9.	Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, leaflet bill.....	124 78
	10.	Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, salary.....	400 00
	22.	Paid Western Union Telegraph Company.....	2 28
	22.	Paid Miss N. E. Holding, building at Chihuahua.....	3,500 00
	22.	Paid Miss N. E. Holding, purchase at Durango.....	6,000 00
	22.	Paid Miss N. E. Holding, repair damage of storm.....	800 00
	22.	Paid Miss Ella Yarrell, salary.....	187 50
	22.	Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, salary.....	187 50
	29.	Paid Mrs. I. G. John, expense to annual meeting.....	58 45
	30.	Paid Miss M. G. McTyeire, life member certificate.....	50
Aug.	3.	Paid Miss M. L. Gibson, travel expense.....	7 50
	3.	Paid Western Union Telegraph Company.....	3 32
	5.	Paid Miss M. L. Gibson, travel expense.....	2 00
	18.	Paid Mrs. J. B. Cobb, travel expense.....	8 70
	18.	Paid Mrs. S. S. Park, agent, building for Chihuahua.....	3,500 00
Sept.	1.	Paid Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Secretary Home Affairs.....	250 00
	1.	Paid Mrs. E. C. Dowdell, expense to annual meeting.....	50 00
	1.	Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, salary.....	50 00
	9.	Paid Miss M. G. McTyeire, postage on mite boxes.....	15 44
	9.	Paid American Paper Box Company, mite boxes, etc.....	159 56
	9.	Paid Miss M. B. Bomar at training school.....	100 00
	9.	Paid Miss A. Waters at training school.....	100 00
	21.	Paid Miss M. B. Davis at training school.....	100 00
	21.	Paid Miss M. H. Polk, medical course.....	200 00
	21.	Paid Mrs. J. Hayes, President.....	50 00
	21.	Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, salary.....	50 00
	25.	Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, salary.....	183 33
	28.	Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, salary and postage.....	5 00
	30.	Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, printing, etc.....	747 81
	30.	Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, leaflet bill.....	135 59
	30.	Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, office Foreign Secretary.....	34 00
Oct.	1.	Paid Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, office account.....	8 00
	5.	Paid Miss M. H. Watts, Agent, first quarter for Piracicaba.....	906 25

1891.	
Oct.	5. Paid Miss M. W. Bruce, Agent, first quarter for Rio de Janeiro..... \$ 1,445 00
	5. Paid Miss N. E. Holding, Agent, first quarter for Mexican Border Mis. 4,559 50
	5. Paid Miss N. E. Holding, Agent, first quarter for Central Mexico Mis. 687 50
	5. Paid J. J. Methvin, Agent, first quarter for Indian Mission..... 587 50
	5. Paid Miss M. B. Jones, salary..... 93 75
	5. Paid Miss L. E. Hughes, salary..... 93 75
	5. Paid Miss Pearl Casheil..... 70 00
	13. Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, salary..... 50 00
	27. Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, salary..... 50 00
Nov.	6. Paid Miss N. E. Holding for San Luis Potosi..... 1,000 00
	6. Paid Miss M. H. Watts..... 2,000 00
	6. Paid Miss S. P. Blake at training school..... 50 00
	10. Paid DuBois & Webb, for Miss Haygood, from North Georgia Conference..... 15 00
	10. Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Foreign Secretary, office expenses..... 25 00
	10. Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, for cablegram..... 20 80
	10. Paid Mrs. Cunningham, expenses of local meeting..... 7 00
	13. Paid Mrs. S. S. Park, Agent, for Chihuahua..... 1,200 00
	19. Paid China drafts..... 3,479 75
	24. Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, furnishing at Chihuahua..... 1,000 00
Dec.	1. Paid Miss Pyles, at training school..... 100 00
	1. Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, from Kentucky Conference..... 15 00
	2. Paid Miss L. Davis, at training school..... 25 00
	8. Paid Mrs. S. S. Park, for Chihuahua..... 58 95
	8. Paid Western Union Telegraph Company..... 20 62
	8. Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, leaflet bill..... 138 78
	17. Paid Miss E. B. Tydings, special from Florida..... 50 00
	30. Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, salary..... 100 00
	30. Paid Miss M. H. Watts, Treasurer, for Brazil..... 533 75
	30. Paid Miss M. W. Bruce, Treasurer, for Brazil..... 1,393 00
	30. Paid Miss M. B. Jones, one-half of salary..... 93 75
	30. Paid Miss B. Hughes, one-half of salary..... 93 75
	30. Paid Miss M. F. Brown, salary..... 70 00
	30. Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, salary..... 187 50
	30. Paid Miss M. H. Watts, salary..... 60 00
	30. Paid Miss N. E. Holding, second quarter for Mexican Border..... 4,472 50
	30. Paid J. J. Methvin, second quarter for Indian Mission..... 599 15
	30. Paid Mrs. G. H. Ramsey, Treasurer, refunded, corrected errors..... 99 57
1892.	
Jan.	4. Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, Treasurer, second quarter for Chihuahua..... 712 50
	9. Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, for printing and postage..... 32 91
	13. Paid China draft..... 4,130 00
	23. Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, for postage and electro..... 1 79
Feb.	5. Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, for printing and postage..... 305 54
	5. Paid Western Union Telegraph Company..... 2 72
	6. Paid Miss N. E. Holding, for Miss Tyding's school..... 128 30
	6. Paid Miss N. E. Holding, for Miss Roberts, native girl..... 29 02
	16. Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, fence at Chihuahua..... 113 38
	24. Paid Miss C. Kennedy..... 100 00
	24. Paid Miss M. H. Polk..... 200 00
	24. Paid Miss M. B. Bomar..... 75 00
March	11. Paid Mrs. J. Hayes, President..... 200 00
	18. Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Foreign Secretary, office expenses..... 25 00
	19. Paid Mrs. S. P. Blake..... 75 00
	19. Paid Miss M. Pyles..... 100 00
	19. Paid Miss N. E. Holding, for Saltillo school..... 82 67
	19. Paid Miss N. E. Holding, for boy at Durango..... 10 00
	21. Paid Atwell & Sneed, for bookcase sent to Mr. F. Sondley, Asheville, N. C..... 70 00
	21. Paid Miss A. M. Barnes, salary..... 187 50
	26. Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, for leaflets..... 120 50
	26. Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, printing Foreign Secretary..... 5 24
	26. Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, printing for Treasurer..... 3 25
	28. Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, for Chihuahua..... 100 05
	28. Paid China drafts..... 4,392 85
April	6. Paid Miss C. Kennedy, salary..... 50 00
	7. Paid Miss M. W. Bruce, for Brazil..... 1,212 50
	7. Paid Miss M. H. Watts, for Brazil..... 593 75
	7. Paid Miss B. Hughes, salary..... 93 75
	7. Paid J. J. Methvin, Treasurer, for Indian Mission..... 587 50
	7. Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, Treasurer, for Chihuahua..... 712 50
	7. Paid Miss M. B. Jones, salary..... 93 75
	7. Paid Miss N. E. Holding, Treasurer..... 4,472 50
	9. Paid Miss K. P. Fannin, for furnishing room..... 100 00
	12. Paid Miss A. Waters..... 60 00
	12. Paid Miss Belle Bennett, Agent..... 183 09
	12. Paid Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Treasurer, for postage..... 6 00

Total.....\$ 76,859 2

## RECAPITULATION.

Mite box collections for fiscal year.....	\$ 1,418 19 ✓
Self-denial and thank offerings for fiscal year .....	3,139 45
Amount forwarded from last year.....	\$104,492 36
Amount received this fiscal year.....	66,448 59
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	\$170,850 95
Amount disbursed this fiscal year.....	76,859 22
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	\$ 93,991 73
In banks as follows:	
First National Bank.....	\$ 45,753 95
Commercial National Bank.....	33,451 61
City Savings Bank.....	14,783 17
Banks pay 4 per cent. on deposit.	<hr/>
	\$ 93,991 73

## INCLUDED IN BALANCE.

Memorial Fund from last year.....	\$ 2,598 12
Four per cent. interest for year ending April 16, 1892.....	103 92
Receipts for this fiscal year.....	189 34
Four per cent. interest.....	3 80
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	\$ 2,895 18
China drafts payable at First National Bank.. .....	3,947 35—
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	6,842 53
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	\$ 87,149 20

## RECEIPTS SINCE ORGANIZATION.

Amount received for fiscal year 1878-79.....	\$ 4,014 27
1879-80.....	13,775 97
1880-81.....	19,362 10
1881-82.....	25,609 44
1882-83.....	29,647 31
1883-84.....	38,873 52
1884-85.....	52,652 12
1885-86.....	51,588 76
1886-87.....	50,092 63
1887-88.....	69,729 65
1888-89.....	68,165 34
1889-90.....	75,476 54
1890-91.....	85,969 44
1891-92.....	66,448 59
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	\$651,405 68

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. H. N. McTYEIRE, *Treasurer.*

Examined and approved.

Very respectfully,

J. D. HAMILTON, *Auditor.*

Nashville, Tenn., April 20, 1892.

T. B. HOLT, *Treasurer,*  
Board of Missions M. E. Church, South.

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

*Receipts from April 16, 1891, to April 18, 1892.*

Alabama Conference.....	\$ 2,221 00	North Mississippi Conference.....	\$ 2,422 73
Arkansas Conference.....	360 56	North Texas Conference.....	842 20
Baltimore Conference.....	2,198 16	Northwest Texas Conference.....	835 03
Denver Conference.....	105 65	Pacific Conference.....	639 87
East Columbia Conference.....	25 55	South Carolina Conference.....	4,075 86
East Texas Conference.....	692 67	South Georgia Conference.....	4,294 04
Florida Conference.....	2,287 70	Southwest Missouri Conference.....	2,635 29
Holston Conference.....	2,601 90	St. Louis Conference.....	1,458 05
Indian Mission Conference.....	89 13	Tennessee Conference.....	3,198 05
Kentucky Conference.....	2,787 03	Texas Conference.....	1,105 08
Little Rock Conference.....	765 94	Virginia Conference.....	4,143 66
Los Angeles Conference.....	218 04	Western Conference.....	155 79
Louisville Conference.....	2,633 53	Western Virginia Conference.....	642 76
Louisiana Conference.....	526 70	Western North Carolina Conference.....	1,389 25
Memphis Conference.....	1,939 75	West Texas Conference.....	316 70
Mississippi Conference.....	1,108 86	White River Conference.....	731 80
Missouri Conference.....	1,537 15	Miscellaneous.....	6,421 13
North Alabama Conference.....	1,969 21	Memorial Fund.....	11 00
North Carolina Conference.....	2,344 95		
North Georgia Conference.....	4,716 82	Total this year.....	\$66,448 59

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE  
WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS  
OF THE  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

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THERE is magic in some names—mystical union between the spoken word and the thought which gives it birth, between the symbol and the reality.

That Kentucky is such a name who will doubt—word picture of a goodly land, synonym of excellence, physical, mental, spiritual?

So when from Kentucky came the invitation to the Woman's Board of Missions to hold its annual meeting for the third time within its borders, like wise women, its members accepted.

Having since its organization ranged from Kentucky to Texas, from Virginia to Arkansas, from Missouri to Georgia, gathering abundant stores of kindness and Christian hospitality, the Woman's Board of Missions, at its fourteenth annual meeting, was better able to appreciate the labor involved in preparation for its coming and the strain on hostesses so willingly borne in the entertainment of so large a body than at the first annual meeting held in Louisville; and its gratitude for these yearly invitations has grown "according to knowledge"—until the ruling desire in the individual members is, while being blessed, to prove a blessing. Very appropriately its first meeting was a praise service on Friday night, and the knowledge that no officer and but one manager was absent was in itself a cause for thanksgiving; while remembrance of mercies, individual and general, filled the heart with praise to God as his children met and clasped hands.

The children of the Missionary Society, the "Hayes Light Bearers," and the "Belle Bennett Band" and others, entertained the Board on Saturday night, and very beautifully did they carry out their program under the leadership of Miss Mary Southgate and Miss Nannie Lee Hunt. Nor did their kindness cease with this entertainment; for the "Hayes Light Bearers" furnished tasteful white and gold badges for the members of the Board, while the "Belle Bennett



Band" offered the sweet ministry of daily service as pages during the meeting, showing courtesy, patience, and energy. No fear need be felt for the future of the Woman's Missionary Society in Lexington with such standard bearers in training!

Sunday was a time of blessing. The children in the Sunday school received inspiration from the presence and words of the members of the Board. The service at 11 A.M. was memorable. The message to the workers that came from God through Bishop Hendrix was accompanied by the sealing of the Spirit, who laid on the hearers a sense of their responsibility as workers with God, and for God, awakening a longing for deeper consecration. The communion followed the sermon, and fitly closed the service.

Sunday night, Rev. C. F. Reid talked of his beloved China with the enthusiasm born of God for heathen souls; and Hon. George W. Bain, the apostle of temperance, made an address on "The Bible and the Bottle in Heathen Lands," which was an address of threefold power: a plea for temperance, Missions, and the gospel.

The anniversary on Monday night, at which time the welcomes that had been felt became audible, was, as always, a season of intellectual and emotional pleasure. The music by the well-trained choir, all consecrated voices, added much to the enjoyment of this as well as every evening service.

### PROGRAM.

1. MUSIC, voluntary and opening anthem.
2. SCRIPTURE LESSON. Rev. R. Hiner.
3. HYMN: "Glorious things of thee are spoken."
4. PRAYER. Rev. R. Hiner.
5. ADDRESS OF WELCOME from missionary auxiliaries. Mrs. H. C. Morrison, Lexington, Ky.
6. ADDRESS OF WELCOME from the Church. Rev. E. L. Southgate, pastor.
7. MUSIC by the choir.
8. ADDRESS OF WELCOME from the District and Conference Society. Mrs. E. H. Pearce, Danville, Ky.
9. GREETING TO THE BOARD from the Quarterly Conference, read by Secretary of the Board.
10. MUSIC by choir and congregation.
11. RESPONSE FOR THE BOARD. Miss Lida G. Moore, Secretary of Western Virginia Conference Society.

12. ANNUAL REPORT OF FOREIGN SECRETARY, Mrs. D. H. McGAVOCK.

13. ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER, Mrs. H. N. McTYEIRE.

14. ADDRESS OF FRATERNAL GREETING from the Parsonage and Home Missionary Society, by Mrs. Ellen Burdette, Louisville, Ky.

15. DOXOLOGY.

16. BENEDICTION.

Never was sweeter welcome given to any representative body of women than was spoken to the Woman's Board of Missions at Lexington. The church was tastefully adorned with plants and flowers, and on either side of the altar was suspended a white satin banner bearing the inscriptions "She hath done what she could" and "What hath God wrought!" watchwords of the Woman's Missionary Society revealing its humility and the source of its strength.

The welcome of Mrs. H. C. Morrison, daughter of Hon. George W. Bain, was finished, graceful, beautiful, charming the ear, and speaking to the heart.

Mrs. Pearce, a member of the General Executive Association at its first meeting in Louisville, spoke her welcome in earnest, strong words; while Dr. Southgate omitted nothing that could have been said or done to emphasize the fact that the Board was the honored guest of Lexington in this her centennial year.

The address of the fraternal delegate, Mrs. Burdette, was appropriate and delightful, and the Board rejoiced in the prosperity of her younger sister—the Parsonage and Home Missionary Society.

As the welcomes were voiced in such strength and beauty, one could not help wondering how a fitting response could be condensed into speech, but the Secretary of the Western Virginia Conference represented the Board admirably.

The reports of the Foreign Secretary and Treasurer were centers of interest, illustrations of what God hath wrought through the women and children composing the Woman's Missionary Society. What would be the result if all the women of Southern Methodism were living members of this body?

The address of Miss Annie Maria Barnes on Tuesday evening gave a graphic picture of the country as seen by an alert, intelligent observer. Miss Augusta Wilson brought to view the home and school at Chihuahua, Mexico; while Miss Bettie Hughes, in a few simple words, led the thought of the audience to far-off China to see its heathen people.

The memorial service on Wednesday evening—a tribute to Mrs.

Florence Malone, member of the Board as Corresponding Secretary of the White River Conference Society, and to Rev. J. W. Lambuth, of Japan—was a service of marked appropriateness for those “who died in the Lord.” These two had “died unto self” in life; hence had triumphed over death!

A touching personal tribute to Mrs. Malone was paid by her successor, Mrs. M. A. Neill. Mrs. Phillips, Chairman of the Committee on Memorials and Resolutions, presented the following as the action of the Board:

Whereas the Woman’s Board of Missions has heard with pain and sorrow of the death of Mrs. Florence McFerrin Malone, Conference Corresponding Secretary, Woman’s Missionary Society, White River Conference;

*Resolved*, That as a tribute to our dear coworker in the great cause so dear to her heart and ours, we, its members, desire to testify our appreciation of her worth and character.

That we mourn the loss of one so devoted and earnest in her interest in the work of Missions—the sending the gospel to heathen lands—but rejoice in the thought of the glorious inheritance upon which she has entered and the reward she now enjoys. May her noble example of earnest, active devotion prove a stimulus to grander endeavor on the part of us, her co-laborers, from whom she has been so soon severed by death! and may the work projected by her be bravely and nobly sustained by us!

*Resolved*, That we unite our petitions with the prayer of this Christian mother for her child that her young life may be given to the glorious work which she so much loved.

*Resolved*, That we, the Woman’s Board of Missions, extend to her bereaved family our sincere sympathy, praying that the consolation of our holy religion may be theirs, and a sweet reunion await them in the mansions of bliss.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased sister, and that this memorial be spread upon the minutes of the Woman’s Board of Missions.

Miss Gibson read the tribute to Rev. J. W. Lambuth, which had come from the heart to the pen of Mrs. W. G. E. Cunnyngnam, so many years his neighbor while missionary in China.

Rev. C. F. Reid added his tribute, speaking strong words of praise of the veteran missionary, dwelling chiefly on his godly life and his success as a soul-winner.

By request, Rev. Walter Lambuth spoke of his father, and as he told of his consecrated life in all its sweet humility we did not wonder that he had won from the natives the title of the “God-man.”

A vision of the glory that awaited him and into which he has

now entered makes tears for him a vain oblation, and awakens the aspiration to make our lives sublime.

A letter—or rather a paper—on Rev. J. W. Lambuth's life and work, written by a Japanese, closed the service. It was a remarkable and beautiful tribute to this man whose life is his best memorial.

The fourteenth annual meeting was notable in the presence of so many missionaries and candidates. Miss Elizabeth Hughes, from China; Miss Augusta Wilson, from Chihuahua, Mexico; Miss Mary Mason, a teacher in the school at Saltillo; Miss Holderby, formerly a teacher at Laredo, were present to tell of "hardness endured as good soldiers of Jesus Christ" during years of service; while ten young women were presented either accepted or under examination as missionary candidates. Miss Margaret Polk, in training as medical missionary for the Board, was also a welcome guest.

The service on Thursday night, when ten missionaries were presented to the Board, and repeated the pledge in the presence of a large audience, was impressive and inspired a doxology from those who had been praying for women—a glad thanksgiving that God heareth and answereth the supplications of his children. Benedictions were silently invoked on the new missionaries as the President delivered the solemn charge and Rev. C. F. Reid addressed them as his fellow-laborers and offered his congratulations.

Another cause of thanksgiving to the Board and to the Church at this meeting was the completion of the Scarritt Bible and Training School and its equipment for work. Announcement was made that its dedication and opening would take place September 14, so that henceforth the Board may send thither its daughters that need training, that they may be "thoroughly furnished unto every good work."

Other characteristics of the fourteenth annual meeting were the large number of visitors present, mostly members of missionary Auxiliaries in Kentucky that felt the opportunity to attend a session of the Board, "to meet the elect women of the Church, their leaders in the cause of Missions" a privilege and a joy.

If the expectations of these Auxiliary workers and visitors have been realized, and they have gone from the meeting with renewed zeal and quickened love to God and man, then indeed will the Board have cause for thanksgiving; for the results will be seen in consecrated purses, consecrated lips, consecrated lives!

## PRELIMINARY MEETING.

The officers and managers of the Woman's Board of Missions met at 10 A.M. Saturday, June 4, 1892, in Lexington, Ky., to prepare business for the fourteenth annual session of the Board. There were but two members absent: Mrs. H. N. McTyeire and Mrs. E. C. Dowdell.

After devotional exercises conducted by the President, the standing committees were nominated as follows:

*On Missionary Candidates.*—Mrs. M. D. Wightman, Chairman; Miss Melissa Baker, Mrs. I. G. John, Mrs. S. S. Park, Mrs. W. S. Black, Mrs. F. M. Bumpass, Miss L. P. Lane.

*On Extension of Work.*—Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Chairman; Mrs. W. G. E. Cunyningham, Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Mrs. J. W. Humbert, Mrs. C. W. Brandon, Mrs. Morgan Callaway, Mrs. A. H. Strother, Mrs. M. R. Carriger, Mrs. M. I. Du Pre, Mrs. S. E. Russell.

*On Publication.*—Miss Lida G. Moore, Chairman; Miss Annie E. Linfield, Mrs. L. H. McHenry, Miss Laura Bradford, Mrs. M. Morrison, Mrs. T. B. Hargrove, Mrs. J. R. Harvey, Mrs. V. V. Harlan, Mrs. Susan Jones, Miss Elizabeth Billingsley.

*On Finance.*—Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Chairman; Mrs. Adam Hendrix, Mrs. A. E. Phillips, Mrs. J. M. Preston, Mrs. E. C. Nichols, Mrs. J. C. Barclay, Mrs. E. Avis, Mrs. H. C. Cheatham, Mrs. S. V. Griffiths, Mrs. M. A. Neill.

*SPECIAL COMMITTEE: On Public Worship.*—Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Chairman; Mrs. M. R. Carriger, Mrs. E. C. Nichols.

*On Memorials and Resolutions.*—Mrs. A. E. Phillips, Chairman; Mrs. A. H. Strother, Mrs. M. A. Neill.

The hours suggested for daily sessions were 9 A.M. to 12 P.M., the last half hour to be a devotional service conducted by persons appointed by the Committee on Public Worship.

It was thought fitting to hold a memorial service during the session in honor of Mrs. Florence Malone, the only member of the Board who had died during the year; and Rev. J. W. Lambuth, "whose name is known throughout the Churches."

As the presence of Rev. Walter Lambuth was greatly desired, it was decided to communicate with him, and to hold the memorial service on whatever evening he could come.

After informal discussion of missionary matters, the meeting adjourned with the doxology.

## OFFICIAL MINUTES.

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The fourteenth annual session of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was convened for business at 9 A.M. Monday, June 6, 1892, in Hill Street Church, Lexington, Ky. The President, Mrs. Juliana Hayes, was in the chair, and called the meeting to order.

The opening devotional service was conducted by Rev. E. L. Southgate, pastor of the Church. The familiar hymn, "Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing" was sung, after which Rev. J. M. Boland offered prayer. Psalm 45 was read as a Scripture lesson, followed by the hymn so comforting to God's children, "Jesus Lover of my soul," after which Dr. Southgate led in prayer. A verse of "Nearer, my God, to Thee" was sung, and Mrs. M. D. Wightman, the Vice President, offered a prayer of invocation and thanksgiving. The half hour of devotion was restful, and a good preparation for the business of the session.

At roll call forty members were present. All officers were in attendance, and but one manager was absent. Twenty-four Conference Societies were represented by their Secretaries. Four had sent reserve delegates, and eight were without representation.

### *Officers.*

Mrs. Juliana Hayes,	Mrs. M. D. Wightman,
Mrs. D. H. McGavock,	Mrs. S. C. Trueheart,
Mrs. H. N. McTyeire,	Miss Maria Layng Gibson.

### *Managers.*

Mrs. W. G. E. Cunnynggham,	Mrs. I. G. John,
Mrs. L. H. McHenry,	Mrs. Adam Hendrix,
Miss Melissa Baker.	

### *Conference Corresponding Secretaries.*

Mrs. S. C. Russell (reserve),	Mrs. M. R. Carriger,
Mrs. V. V. Harlan,	Mrs. S. C. Trueheart,
Mrs. A. H. Strother,	Mrs. J. R. Harvey,
Miss L. P. Lane (reserve),	Mrs. T. B. Hargrove (reserve),
Mrs. A. E. Phillips,	Mrs. J. C. Barclay,

Miss Laura Bradford,  
Miss Annie E. Linfield,  
Miss Elizabeth Billingsley,  
Mrs. C. W. Brandon,  
Mrs. W. S. Black,  
Mrs. Morgan Callaway,  
Mrs. M. Morrison (reserve),  
Mrs. S. V. Griffis,  
Mrs. J. M. Preston,

Mrs. J. W. Humbert,  
Mrs. Susan Jones,  
Mrs. E. Avis,  
Mrs. M. I. Du Pré,  
Mrs. S. S. Park,  
Mrs. H. C. Cheatham,  
Mrs. F. M. Bumpass,  
Miss Lida G. Moore,  
Mrs. E. C. Nichols,

Mrs. M. A. Neill.

On call for business, the report of the preliminary meeting of officers and managers was read by the Secretary, amended by adding a half hour to the time of daily sessions, and approved as amended. The hours fixed were from 8:30 A.M., to 12:30 P.M.

The bar was fixed, delegates being requested to occupy the same seats each day as far as practicable, after which the Rules of Order and Order of Business were read. Mrs. Wightman presented Anna Bain and Margaret Spencer, of the "Belle Bennett Band," as the pages for the day.

Beautiful white silk badges for the members of the Board—*a dainty gift from the "Hayes Light Bearers"*—were received with pleasure and put to immediate use. The credentials of reserve delegates and railroad certificates requiring signatures were called for by the Secretary. A communication from the Mobile & Ohio R. R. Co., was also read, offering the rates already accorded by the Southern Passenger Association, provided a sufficient number of delegates had made use of the road in attending the meeting.

Mrs. Juliana Hayes read her fourteenth annual address as President of the Woman's Board of Missions. It was appropriate to the centennial of modern Missions, and was listened to with attentive interest. But six of the present Board were members when the President read her first annual address at Louisville.

The remainder of the morning session was devoted to the interest of the home work, the subjects usually discussed at the informal meeting of Conference Secretaries being transferred to the Board in formal session. A short address was made by the Recording Secretary on "The Woman's Missionary Society as an Educator." A fine paper on "The Value of Mite Boxes" was read by Miss Laura Bradford, of the Memphis Conference Society, and an able paper on "Methods of Work" was presented by Mrs. A. E. Phillips

of Florida. Both merited and received the closest attention, and struck a responsive chord in the hearts of the workers.

Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, acting Secretary of Home Affairs, read her annual report. It gave a clear review of the work of the year, and offered some excellent suggestions for the consideration of the Conference Secretaries, which are not included in her published report; concerning circulating libraries, reduced representation at annual meetings of Conference Societies, the necessity of promptness in sending in reports, and on improved methods of work.

A communication from the "Cross Bearers' Reading Circle" was read by the Secretary. Referred to Committee on Publication.

In this connection, Mrs. Trueheart spoke of the missionary circulating library which has already proven so valuable an assistant to some Auxiliaries; the plan being to circulate the books among the members of missionary societies, each paying ten cents for the privilege of reading each book, and in some Auxiliaries paying ten cents additional if the book be kept two weeks.

Mrs. Cheatham testified as to the efficiency of the "Cross Bearers' Reading Circle" literature, which she had used personally.

Mrs. Strother spoke of the list of missionary publications prepared by Miss Mary Helm and published in the December *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, and suggested that in it persons desiring to start a circulating library will find choice and desirable material.

Miss Gibson paid a tribute to the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* and its value in Auxiliary Societies; also to the *Little Worker* and its suitableness to the juvenile work.

The subject of interesting young people in the missionary cause and of holding them after they had outgrown juvenile societies was freely discussed. Weekly meetings received favorable mention as one means to attain the desired end. Mrs. Russell, of Alabama, stated that she has twenty-five young people's societies in her district. The question of holding the interest of the boys was a faithful source of inquiry, Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. Cunyningham, Mrs. Avis, and Mrs. Hargrove engaging in the discussion.

Mrs. Black made inquiry as to the point made in the report of the Secretary of Home Affairs concerning sending in quarterly reports; desiring to know whether the by-law governing the case made the twentieth day of the month the limit for the mailing of said reports by the Conference Secretaries or for their receipt by the Secretary of Home Affairs. That it was the time for mailing being decided, Mrs. Trueheart showed why she had emphasized the point.



The desire to send a full report prompts Secretaries to wait for all returns, and in such cases, where Conferences are distant, the reports sometimes reach the Secretary of Home Affairs after her reports have been prepared for publication, too late to be included. One slow District Secretary can cause embarrassment to every department.

As the hour for devotional services had arrived, the Secretary announced the committee meetings for the afternoon.

The prayer-service was under the leadership of Mrs. W. G. E. Cunyningham aided by Mrs. Humbert and Mrs. Gaither. A seed-thought was dropped by the leader on the separate duties of the trunk and the branch of the tree, the one to support life and the other to bear fruit, and the application of the thought to Christ and Christian workers was of great profit. The service was helpful to all.

At 12:30 the meeting adjourned with the doxology, and the benediction by Rev. E. L. Southgate.

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## SECOND DAY.

The Woman's Board of Missions met at 8:30 A.M. Tuesday, June 7, 1892, for the transaction of business. Mrs. Hayes led the devotions, and the meeting was called to order for business. Thirty-four were present at roll call.

The minutes of the first day were read and approved after amendment.

The announcement of the Committee on Public Worship, arranging the leaders of the morning devotions and of the noon hour service, was read by the Secretary. Minnie Miller and Margaret Spencer were the pages for the day. The Secretary also announced Mrs. George W. Bain and Mrs. M. L. Harris, Committee on Platform Courtesies.

Mrs. Callaway presented verbal greetings from Mrs. R. D. Walker, President of South Georgia Conference Society. Regret was expressed at this valuable Society's not being represented.

Mrs. Park presented a package of books, "The Handbook of Missions," as a gift to members of the Board from Dr. I. G. John, Secretary of the General Board of Missions. The Secretary was instructed to return thanks to Dr. John.

Mrs. Phillips called up the report of the Secretary of Home Affairs, read the previous day, and moved its adoption. Her motion

having received a second, a warm discussion of its items followed. The point on which opinion was divided was the suggestion to continue Easter Sunday as Training School Day, not that any member of the Board was opposed to its observance, but that some encountered opposition and found difficulty in holding services. Miss Bennett was given a voice in the discussion, and pleaded for a continuance of the day, as, after being associated with offerings for the Training School, a change would cause confusion.

After consideration of the question at some length, on motion of the Secretary, the report was tabled, that the regular business of the day might proceed.

The report of the Local Board was called for. Mrs. Strother moved that the reading of the report be deferred until the Board assemble in "the session with closed doors," provided for at the last annual meeting.

Mrs. Park offered as an amendment that the reading be proceeded with, but that all discussion of the report be deferred until after the consideration of the foreign work. The amendment was adopted, and the report was read by Mrs. John.

### Report of Called Meetings of the Woman's Board of Missions

*From June, 1891, to June, 1892.*

At a meeting of the Board held July 11, 1891, the resignation of Mildred M. Phillips, M.D., was presented. As she had given six months' notice of her intention to withdraw from the work, her resignation was accepted.

The resignation of Mrs. Nathan Scarritt, who had been elected to serve as substitute for the Secretary of Home Affairs for the ensuing year, was read and accepted with regret. Mrs. Trueheart was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.

The question of lending \$50,000 to the General Board was discussed. The Board, as individuals, expressed a willingness to grant the desired accommodation, but as a body doubted its right to do so, according to the Constitution.

Mr. J. D. Hamilton and Dr. W. G. E. Cunyngham, by invitation, met the Board to give counsel and explain the situation. The constitutionality of the action proved a difficulty that could not be overcome, so no action was taken. Later, a statement was made that in case the General Board could secure a deposit of \$50,000 for either the American or the Fourth National Bank, or \$25,000 at each, it could be accommodated financially. The Treasurer was consulted as to whether it would be practicable to make such an arrangement by August 1. She stated that the fund was subject to check, and could be withdrawn at any time. Mrs. Cunyngham moved that the Treasurer be requested to make such deposit. Adopted unanimously.

Another meeting was held July 17, the object of which was to consider a communication from the Treasurer relative to the withdrawal of \$50,000 from the First National Bank, and its deposit with the American and Fourth National Banks.

On motion of Miss Helm, the action of the previous meeting was reconsidered, and the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas this Board has heard from its Treasurer that she feels personally embarrassed in complying with the instructions relative to changing the deposits from the First National Bank to the Fourth National and American National Banks at this time, and without longer notice; therefore,

*"Resolved*, That the Board, out of consideration for the feelings of its Treasurer, hereby changes its instructions, directing her to leave the \$50,000 with the First National Bank if she can obtain from that bank the same accommodations for the General Board as the other two banks propose, *viz.* : to loan said Board \$50,000 at six per cent. for six months. Also that the Woman's Board shall receive the same rate of interest." \*

A letter was presented from Miss Mary W. Bruce to the Foreign Secretary, in which she gave it as her opinion that it was not best to continue the boarding school in Rio, and urged the sale or rent of the property. The Foreign Secretary was instructed to advise with Bishop Granbery as to the question of our withdrawal from Rio, and the adjustment of our school work at some other points; and, if they should deem the removal expedient, to make arrangements for the disposal of the property so that these plans and suggestions might be presented to the Board at its next Annual Meeting.

On motion of Miss Gibson, Miss Haygood was allowed a telephone in the McTyeire Memorial Home and School; and in view of the claims of hospitality upon the Principal of the Mission Home and School from visitors, missionaries of all denominations, and refugees from riotous districts, \$500 be granted her; this expense and that of the telephone to be met out of the contingent appropriation for China.

October 19, a meeting was called to consider the question of letting the General Board have \$50,000 loan or deposit at four per cent., the same interest we are now receiving from the First National Bank.

Mrs. McHenry, the Chairman, stated that at a former meeting the Woman's Board had discussed the advisability of loaning the General Board \$50,000. Some of the members thought it was not constitutional, but since then she had advised with good legal authorities, who informed her that when we received interest from the bank our deposit assumed the shape of a loan. The Treasurer stated that she had pledged herself to keep a deposit of \$50,000 for six months in the First National Bank. Mrs. Cunningham said she too understood that the \$50,000 was to remain in the First National Bank for six months. The vote was called for and the majority voted for it to remain unchanged.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to remove the deposit of \$9,000 from the City Savings Bank to one of the national banks, and to remove all

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\* We desire to call the attention of the ladies to the fact that it is the First National Bank and not the Woman's Board, that is loaning the money to the General Board.

the deposit in the First National Bank over \$50,000 to one of the other national banks. She was also instructed to keep the funds of the Woman's Board hereafter as equally distributed as possible among three or four of the national banks of the city.

The Treasurer called attention to a letter she had received stating that money raised by mite boxes would be used for the Training School. She was requested to reply that the money from mite boxes had always been regarded as a part of the regular income of the Board, on which it relied to meet the expenses of its missionaries under the appropriations, and hence it could not approve its diversion to the support of any other object. No change could be authorized except by the Board in annual session.

November 7, letters from Bishop Granbery and Rev. H. C. Tucker were read relative to the selling of the Rio property for a Protestant nonsectarian hospital; also a paper signed by members of the General Board to the effect that, under the conditions as given by Bishop Granbery and Rev. H. C. Tucker, they considered it advisable to accept the proposition to sell said property. On hearing the letters and the opinion of members of the General Board, it was decided to accept the proposition.

A paper was received, signed by Miss Holding, Mrs. Park, and Miss Wilson, stating that the \$1,000 appropriated for the employment of another missionary at Chihuahua is not needed, and that the appropriation for the Home and School is inadequate. They requested that the \$1,000 be allowed them to complete the Home and School building. The request was granted.

Mrs. Julia Gaither, of Oxford, Ga., was accepted as a missionary and recommended for appointment to China.

At the request of Rev. Mr. Methvin, the Board appointed Miss Gregory as principal teacher of the school at Anadarko.

In a letter Miss Holding set forth the importance of a dining hall for boys in the Laredo School, for which she asked \$2,000. As there had been no appropriation for this object, the Board did not feel authorized to grant the request.

Mrs. Trueheart was commissioned to request the American Bible Society to grant the mission schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at San Luis Potosi and Chihuahua, Mexico, some American and Spanish Bibles and Testaments, and also to convey the thanks of our Board due that Society for favors already received through its agent, Dr. Savage.

Resolutions were read and adopted tendering to Miss Belle Bennett the heartfelt sympathy of the members of the Board in view of the death of her sister, Miss Sue Bennett.

A tribute of respect was presented to the memory of Dr. W. H. Potter, one of the Secretaries of the General Board. In his death our Society lost a faithful friend.

Rev. H. C. Tucker was present at a meeting January 18. He said that he and other missionaries had heard with regret that it was the purpose of the Woman's Board to sell the school property in Rio. He did not think it wise to give up the school in the capital. When, however, he learned that the Board had decided to sell, he was anxious to secure it for the nonsectarian hospital.

Miss Holding sent a request to the Board respecting the insurance of the property in Laredo. After careful consideration of this matter, the Board, on motion, suggested:

1. If there is money in the contingent fund sufficient to insure said property for \$10,000, it may be so used.

2. If there is no money that can be so used in the contingent fund, that, as an emergency, if the Corresponding Secretary will provide for the insurance for that amount, the Board will unite with her in requesting the annual meeting to make an appropriation for that amount.

April 5, the letters and testimonials of several candidates were presented. The Board was deeply grateful that so many were moved to offer themselves for the Master's work. As the time was limited, and it could not be conveniently arranged for them to appear before the Board in Nashville, it was decided to request them to be present at the approaching annual meeting of the Board in Lexington, Ky.

In response to a request for means with which to purchase furniture for Miss Fanning, the Board suggested that if the contingent fund in the treasury permitted, the Foreign Secretary be requested to supply Miss Fanning's present needs.

At a meeting of the Board held May 3, 1892, attention was called to the great loss our Church had sustained in the death of Dr. J. W. Lambuth, of the Japan Mission. A touching tribute to his memory was presented, adopted, and ordered to be published and spread on our minutes, and a copy sent to his family.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. I. G. JOHN,

*Recording Secretary, pro tem.*

Mrs. Russell offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That this body instruct the Recording Secretary to send telegrams to our sisters, Mrs. E. C. Dowdell and Mrs. M. S. Andrews, of Alabama, and to Mrs. E. J. Robinson, of Texas.

MRS. S. E. RUSSELL,

MRS. C. W. BRANDON,

MRS. S. C. GRIFFIS.

The report of Mrs. F. A. Butler, Editor and Agent of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, was made.

### Report of Agent of Woman's Missionary Advocate

*From May 1, 1891, to May 1, 1892.*

*Dr.*

Balance on hand May 1, 1891.....	\$3,882 26
Amount received from subscriptions from May 1, 1891, to May 1, 1892.....	4,806 73
Amount received from interest on deposits.....	85 00
Amount received from advertising.....	41 66—\$8,815 65

*Cr.*

By amount paid per vouchers.....	\$5,655 93
Loss on damaged stamps.....	2 85— 5,658 78

Balance on hand May 1, 1892..... \$3,156 87

MRS. F. A. BUTLER, *Agent.*

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

To the Woman's Board of Missions.

I have examined the books of Mrs. F. A. Butler, Editor and Agent, from May 1, 1891, to May 1, 1892, and find them correct, with vouchers on hand for all payments made.

Very respectfully.

J. D. HAMILTON, Auditor.

Nashville, Tenn., May 20, 1892.

Mrs. Butler requested that all reports of organization intended for publication in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* be sent by the 12th of each month instead of the 15th, as heretofore; and also inquired why the paper had received so few contributions from members of the Board during the year.

Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Chairman of the Committee on Extension of Work, read the report relating to China.

On motion of Mrs. Black, the report was considered by items, and adopted.

Letters from Miss Haygood concerning McTyeire Home and School and Davidson Memorial School were read during the report.

Miss Baker asked information concerning the funds sent to China for the erection of the Davidson Memorial School. The Foreign Secretary stated that the amount was on deposit in bank at Shanghai, and would have been used for the erection of the building had there been any one in the field able to take charge of that work.

Miss Baker moved that Miss Virginia Cloud, of Front Royal, Va., be appointed Treasurer of the Memorial Fund, with instructions to send the money every quarter to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions, who now has charge of the fund; the object of the transfer being to relieve the Treasurer, and to secure reports in detail for publication. Mrs. McTyeire spoke to the motion and seconded it, saying she was glad to be relieved of the additional labor which its care had imposed on her. Miss Baker's motion was adopted, and Miss Virginia Cloud declared duly elected.

Mrs. Avis inquired in behalf of the St. Louis Conference Society concerning funds contributed for the support of Bible women, there being none now in the field. The Foreign Secretary replied that these specials are placed in the general fund, subject to order when suitable Bible women shall be found.

Miss A. M. Barnes read her report as Editor and Agent of *Little Worker*. The certificate of the Auditor as to its correctness was also read. Referred to the Committee on Publication.

## Report of Editor and Agent of Little Worker.

*Dr.*

Amount received per subscriptions.....	\$1,348 21
Amount received per advertising.....	52 00
Miscellaneous .....	3 25—\$1,403 46

*Cr.*

Amount expended.....	\$1,314 65
Amount on hand June 1, 1892.....	88 81—\$1,403 46

To the Woman's Board of Missions.

I have examined the books of Miss Annie M. Barnes, Editor and Agent, from June 1, 1891, to June 1, 1892, and find them correct.

T. B. Holt, *Auditor.*

Miss Barnes spoke forcibly and eloquently in behalf of the *Little Worker*. Her talk gleamed with bright points, and her appeal to the Board to help the children through their paper was well received.

As Editor and Publisher of Leaflets, Miss Barnes presented her first annual report, which was also referred to the Committee on Publication. The Board appreciated its versatile and able editor, who has put the stamp of her originality on so many of the leaflets issued; but her suggestion to discontinue the programs was ignored, as had been that of her predecessors.

## Report of Editor and Publisher of Leaflets.

During the past year, from June, 1891, to June, 1892, leaflets and programs have been published as follows:

Number of adult leaflets issued.....	228,000
Number of adult programs issued.....	24,000
Total number of adult leaflets and programs issued.....	252,000
Number of juvenile leaflets issued.....	202,000
Number of juvenile programs issued.....	16,000
Total number of juvenile leaflets and programs issued...	218,000
	470,000
Total number of pages of adult leaflets and programs .....	712,000
Total number of pages of juvenile leaflets and programs...	810,000
Total number of pages of leaflets issued.....	1,522,000
Number of adult leaflets distributed to Conferences.....	220,000
Number of adult programs distributed to Conferences.....	23,800
Number of juvenile leaflets distributed to Conferences.....	189,000
Number of juvenile programs distributed.....	15,850
Total adult and juvenile leaflets and programs gratuitously distributed.....	448,650

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount appropriated.....	\$500 00
Contingent.....	50 00
Total.....	\$550 00
Amount of expenses for printing and mailing paid through treasurer.....	545 25
Balance.....	\$ 4 75

## ADDENDUM.

Receipts from sale of leaflets.....	\$ 16 26
Paid Barbee & Smith on regular quarterly supply. ....	\$ 5 00
Amount of expenses of correspondence and mailing private orders.....	3 36— 8 36
Balance.....	\$ 7 90

It is perhaps best to state that these figures have varied somewhat since the rough estimate furnished the Foreign Secretary two months ago. This explanation will account for the slight discrepancy between the figures embodied in her report and those here given.

In presenting this report the Editor and Publisher of Leaflets would earnestly suggest the discontinuance of programs in separate form. As these programs are regularly published in both the adult and juvenile papers, it seems an unnecessary outlay to continue them as at present. This will decrease at least \$40 a year the amount expended in the publication of leaflets. The sum thus saved could be utilized toward the publication of literature for our Young People's Societies. In this connection the Editor feels that she cannot too warmly urge the great need of separate literature for our Young People's Societies. As now published, the adult literature is too mature for them, and the juvenile too childish. It is impossible to make these grades of literature otherwise, and have each serve the purpose for which it is intended. What is needed is a "happy medium," fresh, bright, entertaining literature, such as will prove to the minds of our young people palatable as well as strengthening food.

Another growing need is for a catalogue of literature and other helps for our workers. This should embrace not only the publications, etc., of our own society, but those also of other societies. With the aid of such a catalogue, clearly and concisely arranged, a worker can tell at a glance just what it is she wants, where it can be obtained, and what the cost of it will be.

True power in any work consists in the *intelligent* force with which it is directed.

Respectfully submitted.

A. M. BARNES.

The Secretary read a communication from Mr. J. D. Hamilton, tendering his resignation as Auditor. The resignation was accepted with regret, and the Committee on Resolutions was instructed to give suitable expression to the gratitude of the Board for his unwearying kindness and faithful service.

On motion of Mrs. McHenry, Mr. T. S. Weaver, of Nashville, Tenn., was elected Auditor.

The Secretary read the following telegram:

Read John xvi. 13. Please appoint committee to investigate West Indies.

W. B. PALMORE.

Referred to the Committee on Extension of Work.

Mrs. Phillips stated that she had a memorial to the Board from the Florida Conference Society to establish a school at Key West.



The Board directed that it be placed in the hands of the same committee.

A communication from Mrs. Mary Ray, President of Home and Foreign Mission Department of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was read. Mrs. McHenry and Mrs. Wightman spoke in favor of the subject presented.

Referred to the Committee on Extension of Work.

Rev. J. M. Boland, author of the "Problem of Methodism," was introduced to the Board, and spoke a few words of cordial greeting.

Miss Gibson called attention to a pamphlet for missionary workers, "Do not Say; Or, The Church's Excuses for Neglecting the Heathen," and asked members of the Board to examine the copy on the Secretary's table. She recommended it for use in the circulating libraries of Auxiliaries.

At noon, Mrs. Susan Jones, of Kansas City, Mo., led the prayer-service, aided by Mrs. Park, Mrs. Hargrove, and Miss Mary Helm. The season was one of spiritual refreshing, and the hour for adjournment came all too soon.

Announcement was made that the memorial service would be held Wednesday evening. Committees were instructed as to the time of assembling, and the meeting was closed with the doxology and benediction pronounced by Rev. J. M. Boland.

### THIRD DAY.

At 8:30 A.M. Wednesday, June 8, the Woman's Board of Missions again convened in Hill Street Church. Thirty-eight members were present, and the President in the chair.

Mrs. Hayes conducted the opening exercises. Minnie Miller and Margaret Woolley were introduced as pages.

After roll call, the minutes of the second day were read, amended, and approved.

A communication from Dr. I. G. John, Secretary of the General Board of Missions, was read by the Secretary.

To the President and Members of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

*Dear Sisters:* I inclose resolutions of fraternal greetings, adopted by the General Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at a called meeting held in the Mission Rooms, June 4, 1892.

I have also mailed to your Board a copy of our last "Annual Report." If each of the members of your Board will furnish me her address, I will take pleasure in sending her a copy.

I have also sent to each member of your Board a set of the "Missionary

Handbooks," as far as they have been issued from the press. The next number should embrace a brief history of the origin and work of the Woman's Board. It is proper, however, that your Board should choose its own historian. If a history corresponding in size with those now in print can be furnished, I will be glad to embrace it in the series, assuming all cost of publication.

With earnest prayers for the presence of the Master in your deliberations, and his blessings upon all your fields of labor, I am

Your brother in the Master's work, I. G. JOUX, *Corresponding Secretary.*

The following resolutions were adopted at a meeting of the Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held in the Mission Rooms Saturday, June 4, 11 A.M.:

Whereas the Woman's Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will hold its fourteenth annual meeting in Lexington, Ky., beginning June 6; and whereas their great work and the work of this Board are indissolubly united in effort and design; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we rejoice over the tokens of divine approbation that have attended their work in the different fields they have entered, and devoutly trust that divine wisdom and grace will guide their deliberations at their coming session, and that every measure they shall adopt shall yield large results in the work of our Lord in lands of superstition and sin.

*Resolved*, That we rejoice that it is our privilege, in any way, to "help those women" in the great work to which they have been called, and will not cease our prayers that the great Head of the Church will be with all the work of the Board and its officers, and with those consecrated women whom they are sending out in our Master's service in the foreign field.

*Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary of this Board is hereby instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to the Woman's Board while in annual session at Lexington, Ky.

On motion of Miss Bradford, the Secretary was directed to make reply on behalf of the Woman's Board.

Mrs. Cheatham asked information concerning the "Handbook of Missions" sent by Dr. John, as many members had not received their copy, and suggested that inquiry be made concerning the missing books.

On motion of Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. W. S. Black was appointed Historian, to prepare a brief history of the origin and work of the Woman's Board of Missions for the next number in the series of "Handbooks" above mentioned.

Mrs. Trueheart read the report of Mrs. J. D. Hamilton as follows:

Number of life membership certificates issued since they were declared free to life members.....	81
Number of mite boxes distributed since the new ones were ordered at last annual meeting.....	8720
Number of Treasurer's books sold since new ones were ordered made..	40

Mrs. Trueheart suggested that some arrangement be made whereby Mrs. Hamilton, when sending out life membership certificates, may have guarantee that the amount for the same had been paid into the treasury.

Mrs. Cheatham offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Conference Treasurer furnish to each person sending ten or twenty dollars for juvenile or adult life membership, a statement that the money for this purpose is in the treasury; this statement to accompany the application for life membership certificates.

Adopted.

Mrs. Trueheart also urged that all orders for "Christian Womanhood" be sent through Mrs. Hamilton, as by so doing the price of the book is not increased, and a bonus, about thirty per cent., will go to the Training School.

A second report of the Committee on Extension of Work, completing China and including Mexico and Indian Mission, was presented by Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Chairman.

A long discussion interrupted the reading of the report, which was adopted by items.

A letter from Mrs. A. E. McClendon, of Laredo, Tex., was read, giving a graphic description of the Commencement at Laredo Seminary, and life in her own and other mission schools.

A letter was also read from the United States Consul at Saltillo to the Foreign Secretary, promising courtesy and protection to the missions and missionaries of the Board. The Secretary explained that she had already answered the letter, expressing her appreciation of the kindness extended.

The resolutions of the committee concerning the memorials of Rev. W. B. Palmore and Mrs. Mary E. Ray, which had been referred to it by the Board, were adopted.

A communication to the President of the Board from Bishop Keener was read by the Secretary, suggesting that the "Woman's Board would do a grand act and a wise one to send \$25,000 to Japan for the relief of our friends there who are suffering from the earthquake."

On motion of Mrs. Trueheart, the Secretary was directed to answer Bishop Keener's letter, assuring him of the appreciation by the Board of this token of his confidence, and regretting its inability to comply with the suggestion of the honored senior bishop of the Church.

The report of the Board of Managers of the Scarritt Bible and Training School was read by Mrs. S. C. Trueheart.

## Report of the Board of Managers of the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

At a meeting held last July, the officers elected were: Bishop E. R. Hendrix, President; Miss Belle H. Bennett, Vice President; Mr. J. S. Chick, Treasurer; Mrs. Julia E. Simpson, Secretary.

The following regulations were adopted for the admission of students to the Training School; also the course of study to be pursued, as recommended by the committee appointed to prepare said course:

### REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION.

1. A written application from the candidate, stating place of birth, age, educational advantages, health, motives of study, and the kind of Church work intended to be engaged in, shall first be submitted to the Executive Committee.

2. Testimonials from pastors and others whose means of knowing the candidate shall be unquestioned shall also be laid before the Executive Committee.

3. The candidate must be eighteen years of age, and a member in good standing of some evangelical Church.

4. Her education shall embrace a fair degree of information in grammar, arithmetic, and geography, to be determined on examination by the Faculty. She must also evince an aptitude for acquiring knowledge.

5. A short probationary term of two months will be required before full matriculation, thus giving the Faculty the opportunity of knowing the qualities of the person entering, and her promise of adaptability to the work she wishes to undertake.

6. Each student will conform cheerfully to all regulations that shall seem wise to those in charge.

### COURSE OF STUDY.

The course of instruction given in the SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL is divided into *seven* general departments, as follows:

- I. The Department of *Bible Study*;
- II. The Department of *Moral Philosophy and Christian Evidences*;
- III. The Department of *Church History*, including, particularly, the *History of Missions*;
- IV. The Department of *Nurse-Training*;
- V. The *Industrial* Department;
- VI. The Department of *Field Work*; and
- VII. The Department of *General Instruction*.

#### I. THE DEPARTMENT OF BIBLE STUDY.

1. *Biblical Introduction*.—The usual topics of General Introduction to the Old and New Testament, together with those of Special Introduction to the several books, including questions of Time, Place, Composition, Authorship, Genuineness, Authenticity, the collection of the books into the Sacred Canon, etc.

2. *Exegesis*.—The principles and rules of the historical and grammatical interpretation of the Old and New Testaments will be explained and illus-

trated in connection with careful, analytical study of large portions of the English Bible, in the Authorized and Revised Versions, aided by the best dictionaries and commentaries.

3. *Practical*.—Here will be included Bible readings; daily practice in exposition; normal study of Sunday school lessons and methods; and training in home missionary work and in Sunday schools as teachers and officers.

## II. THE DEPARTMENT OF MORAL PHILOSOPHY AND CHRISTIAN EVIDENCES.

1. Psychology, Logic, Ethics, and the outlines of the History of Philosophy.

2. Evidences of Christianity, including (a) the Theistic Explanation of the World; (b) Apologetics, or the proofs of a divine revelation contained in the Bible; and (c) the evidences of the truth of our religion drawn from the consistency and purity of its teachings and from the propagation, success, and effects of Christianity.

## III. THE DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH HISTORY.

1. Church History proper. (Fisher's.)

2. Outline of the History of Doctrines. (Sheldon.)

3. The History of Missions, including the study of missionary methods and fields, particularly those occupied by our Church—namely, China, Japan, Mexico, and Brazil. The manners, customs, religious systems, and physical, moral, and religious needs of heathendom will receive the fullest possible attention.

## IV. THE DEPARTMENT OF NURSE-TRAINING.

This department will include special study of, and attendance on lectures in, physiology, anatomy and hygiene, embracing bedside nursing, preparation of food, and the general care of the sick.

## V. THE INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

Here will be given lessons in Domestic Economy, daily practice in housework, preparation of work for industrial schools, etc.

## VI. THE DEPARTMENT OF FIELD WORK.

1. House-to-house visiting (weekly).

2. Women's meetings, mothers' meetings, children's meetings.

## VII. THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL INSTRUCTION.

1. Music, instrumental and vocal, especially with a view to using the organ and leading the singing in religious meetings.

2. Book-keeping and Typewriting.

3. Opportunity will be afforded (where needed) for the systematic study of English grammar, rhetoric, higher arithmetic, and general geography.

At the second called meeting, held June 4, 1892, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the sum of \$150 be charged students for the school session, this sum to include board, washing, fuel, and lights.

2. That an incidental fee of \$10 be charged all outsiders who wish to take advantage of the regular course of lectures for a year.

3. That a circular be prepared, giving Terms, Course of Study, and other necessary information, and be sent throughout the Church.

4. That the present Agents, Miss Belle H. Bennett and Mrs. M. D. Wightman, be continued, so that a sufficient endowment fund may be secured. That these ladies call to their assistance any suitable person whom they may deem advisable.

5. That as the time of the second set of three of the Board of Managers expires now, they be reappointed.

6. That Miss Maria Layng Gibson, so eminently qualified for the place, be Principal of the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

7. That Miss Elizabeth E. Holding, whose fitness for the position, both as to her experience and education, leaves nothing to be desired, be placed in charge of the Department of Bible Study.

8. That Miss Emma C. Cushman, of the Patterson Nurse's Training School, of New Jersey, have the position of Head Nurse.

9. That the services of Mrs. W. H. Waldron, so cheerfully offered, free of charge, as Matron for the coming year, be accepted with grateful thanks. That we regard the kind, liberal offer of Mrs. Waldron, and that of her husband, who will also assist in the work, with great pleasure and heartfelt gratitude.

10. That it is best that the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers consist of the President and Treasurer of the Board, and the Principal of the School, who will act as Secretary instead of the President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary as before.

11. That the kind offer of the following medical lecturers, whose service has been offered free of charge for the year, be accepted. These gentlemen are:

*Medical Faculty.*—Anatomy, George Halley, J. N. Jackson; Physiology, C. F. Wainwright; Materia Medica, A. M. Wilson, Joseph Sharp; Hygiene and Dietetics, George Smiley; Diseases of Children, S. G. Gaunt, Robert T. Sloan; Eye and Ear, C. Tyree; Teeth, C. B. Hewitt, D. J. McMillan.

*Hospital Staff.*—Surgeons, George Halley, J. P. Jackson, E. R. Lewis, J. N. Jackson; Physicians, H. T. Hereford, C. F. Wainwright, S. C. James, Lester Hall.

12. That teachers may be secured from Kansas City as may be needed for this coming year, or until the endowment fund be sufficient to duly elect a Faculty to fill all departments of work contemplated.

13. That we tender our thanks to the Agents, Miss Belle H. Bennett and Mrs. M. D. Wightman, for their valuable services during the past year.

14. That the Building Committee deserve thanks for carrying out so satisfactorily the plans which have given to the Woman's Board of Missions so beautiful and so convenient a structure as that shown in the accompanying report.

To the Board of Managers of the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

The Building Committee appointed by your honorable body in December, 1890, with authority to design and erect a suitable building for the use of the Scarritt Bible and Training School for Foreign Missionaries and Other Christian Workers upon the parcel of land set apart for that purpose, beg leave to report as follows:

Your committee selected as architect of the proposed building Mr. W. C.

Root, of Kansas City. Dr. Scarritt during his lifetime had prepared some sketches, expressing his idea of the proper arrangement of the building and assignment of space. And while it was thought best by your committee to modify the arrangement of the building somewhat, it may be said with reference to the allotment of space that no apartment intended for special purpose and no convenience expressed in the original sketches has been omitted from the structure as finally designed.

It has been about one year since the work on the building was begun. During that time the work has progressed steadily without interruption or accident, until at this date the structure is nearly completed in all its details so far as your committee has thought proper to act.

The different departments of the work of building which have come under the care of your committee are as follows: Surveyor's work, excavation, foundations, grading of lots and streets; general contract, embracing brick masonry, concrete floor, cut stone, carpentry, painting and glass, decorated and plain plaster, leadening, sheet metal work, slate roofing, constructional and ornamental iron, mantels, electric bells and tubes, fly screens, and cistern; contracts for steam heating and boiler; contract for plumbing and gas fitting; contract for electric wiring; elevator and dumb waiter, fire escapes, hardware and sodding. The Building Committee believes that the above items complete include everything falling properly within their province. A description of the building in general, as it stands, will also show how the above items have been executed.

The building is situated on the bluff above the Missouri River, on one of the highest points about the city. It consequently commands a superb view, and is at the same time exposed to the elements. Both on account of the exposure to cold and on account of securing for the living rooms the maximum of sun and summer breeze, the building has been planned in the shape of a very wide H, with a large court 52x58 to the south, and a small one to the north. The main entrance is through the south court in the center of the building, and is protected by an ample porch. To the left on entering is a large alcove with chimney corner, and to the right the reception room and drawing-room, all with the entrance hall arranged *en suite* with wide sliding doors. Just in front of the entrance, and at the north, rises the main staircase in easy flights to the top of the building. In the south end of the west wing is the chapel, 30x45 and running through two stories. The chapel has a small apsidal bay to the west, the windows of which are to be filled with some carefully designed glass by Mr. Ford, of Boston, in memory of Dr. Scarritt, a generous appropriation having been made by the Southwestern Missouri Conference for this purpose. Class rooms, dispensary, laboratory, and medical lecture room occupy the remainder of the west wing. The east wing is occupied by the library clear across the front, the dining room, a large class room, serving room, and kitchen. Entrances and porches are placed on the east and west, and the western porch is enlarged sufficiently to permit vehicles driving below it.

The second story is devoted entirely to sleeping rooms, each having abundant light, steam heat, and a generous closet furnished with chests of drawers, hooks, etc. The third story has also sleeping rooms in all that part not occu-

pied by the hospital. This latter occupies the entire west wing of the third story, and has two wards, each capable of holding about twelve beds, and nine smaller rooms designed for special patients and for particular purposes. The committee found it desirable, for many reasons, to devote the hospital entirely to the uses of women and children patients. Certain special conveniences had to be provided after the building was well along, to properly carry out this determination, arrived at during the past winter. One of these points was the change necessary to form a proper operating room, which, as executed, has met with distinct approval by physicians who have seen it.

In the roof or attic, not yet finished off, is space for a capacious gymnasium and other apartments.

In all stories there is the amplest provision of heat applied to each apartment, and of bath rooms and other toilet facilities. All construction in the way of heating apparatus and plumbing has been done in the strongest, safest, simplest, and most sanitary manner known to your committee and architect.

A detailed list of the apartments of the building is as follows:

*Basement.*—Heating apparatus, coal storage rooms, servants' bath room, servants' sitting room, storeroom, laundry, dry room.

*First Story.*—Chapel, 30x45; dispensary, 15x18; laboratory, 14x18; medical lecture room, 15x27; class room, 17x21; class room, 23x14; cloak room, class room, 14x16; toilet rooms for men and women; office, 15x15; reception room, 15x15; drawing room, 21x21; class room, 23x16; class room, 28x15; library, 19x27; dining room, 25x40; serving room, 14x18; kitchen, 18x33; pantries, servants' stairs, elevator, and dumb waiter.

*Second Story.*—Twenty-four chambers, bath and toilet rooms, linen closet, etc., sitting room.

*Third Story.*—Hospital, two wards and nine chambers; remainder of this story thirteen chambers, linen closet, toilet rooms, bath rooms, sitting rooms, etc.

The structure is simple in outline, with little ornamentation. The thought of your committee has been to obtain a building adapted in the highest degree to the uses to which it was to be put; of a character to require the least outlay for repairs; of such design as to be the most pleasant during the warm months of the year and yet economically heated during the winter.

Your committee wishes to express their appreciation of the services of the architect, Mr. Root. Upon all questions of construction and design he has counseled thoughtfully and bestowed enlightened judgment. And how well he has succeeded in the effort to fulfill all of the requirements of a building fitted for the uses proposed for a stated sum of money, the structure now before you must manifest.

We append a statement of all the moneys paid out for the construction of the building, with receipts and vouchers for each payment.

Very respectfully submitted.

W. C. SCARRITT, *Chairman.*

The appended statement showed a balance over cost of \$2.66.

Mrs. S. C. TRUEHEART, *Recording Secretary pro tem.*

Mrs. Black moved the consideration of the report by items. It



was so considered and adopted. The items electing the three managers of the Board, the Principal and Faculty of the school were adopted by a rising vote.

Bishop Hendrix, President of the Board of Managers, was present during the reading of the report, and by a few timely suggestions led the Woman's Board to a better appreciation of the work done during the year.

Special thanks to the Building Committee for its successful and able administration, and its fine report to the Board were expressed. The Secretary was instructed to convey them to said committee.

Miss Elizabeth E. Holding, late of the Chicago Training School, and newly elected to the chair of Bible Study in the Searritt Bible and Training School, was introduced to the Board, which gave her cordial greeting.

The hour for special devotions having arrived, Mrs. Park moved that the subject of appointing Easter Sunday as Training School Day be made the "order of the day" Thursday immediately after the reports of the standing committees. Carried.

The Secretary moved that an afternoon session be held from 2:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. for the reception of local fraternal delegates. Her motion prevailed, and committees were called to meet at their respective places at the conclusion of the afternoon session.

Rev. E. L. Southgate gave an invitation to the Board from the President of the Electric R. R. Co., to take an excursion over its route at whatever time might suit the pleasure and convenience of the Board.

The gratitude of the Board and its desire to accept, if at all practicable, were expressed.

Mrs. Brandon, aided by Mrs. Cheatham and Miss Blake, led the devotional hour, in which Miss Elizabeth Holding gave a Bible-reading—subject: "Why Christians Should Rejoice." It was uplifting and spiritually refreshing.

At 12:30 P.M., the meeting adjourned to 2:30 P.M., after the doxology and benediction.

### **Afternoon Session.**

At 2:30 P.M. the Woman's Board of Missions met to enjoy social and Christian courtesies in receiving fraternal greetings.

After appropriate devotional exercises, Mrs. George W. Bain, Chairman of Platform Courtesies, being introduced to the Board, presented Mrs. M. L. Harris, District Secretary, on whom had devolved the care of providing homes, and to whom the Board felt greatly in-

debted. Mrs. Bain then introduced the fraternal delegates, first presenting Miss Sublette, who extended courtesies from the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Christian Church of Lexington.

The President responded, after which, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love" was sung.

Miss Gunn, in behalf of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, spoke words of greeting full of interest and encouragement.

The President replied, referring to the beautiful life of her esteemed friend, Miss Isabel Hart, whose memory is a rich heritage to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Miss Laura Clay, President of the Equal Rights Association, was introduced, and spoke strong, earnest words of greeting.

Mrs. Frances Beauchamp bore the greetings of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, speaking with beauty of thought and grace of expression.

Miss Scott, in behalf of the Second Presbyterian Church of Lexington, brought cordial greetings to the Board. Her address was full of interest, and quickened the sympathy and zeal of the hearers.

The President responded appropriately to these ladies, and expressed in felicitous terms the appreciation by the Board of their kindly courtesies.

Mrs. Young, of Louisville, was introduced; also Rev. Robert Hiner, who spoke a few words of pleasant greeting; after which, by request, "The Old Ship of Zion" was sung as solo and chorus, and the enjoyable hour closed with the doxology.

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#### FOURTH DAY.

The Woman's Board of Missions assembled for business at 8:30 A.M. Thursday, June 9, the President in the chair. Mrs. E. Avis, of St. Louis, led the opening service, and spoke on the duty of women toward missionary effort.

The roll was called, showing thirty-eight members present. The minutes of the two sessions of the third day were read and approved.

Mrs. Black, who by the action of the previous day had been appointed Historian of the Board, asked to be excused if the sketch must be prepared immediately. Mrs. Park giving assurance that time needful would be granted, Mrs. Black consented to serve.

On calls for reports from standing committees, Mrs. McGavock

presented appropriations and resolutions for the Brazil Mission. Interesting letters from Miss Watts, Miss Bruce, and Dr. Lander were read. Miss Watts sent loving greetings to the Board she has served so faithfully, and gave explanation of the slowness of the people to receive the gospel. Miss Bruce wrote of the fine opening at Juis de Fora, and the progress already made by the school established at the last session of the Board. Dr. Lander, President of the Williamston College, Williamston, S. C., offered to give free instruction in Portuguese to any missionary candidate who might desire to learn the language before going to Brazil.

The Foreign Secretary was desired to express the gratitude of the Board to Dr. Lander for his kind offer.

The report was considered *seriatim*, and adopted without discussion.

Mrs. Trueheart offered the following, which was adopted:

Whereas the mental and physical effects upon missionaries going into foreign lands without a definite time for return are hurtful, whether the parties concerned are conscious of it or not; therefore,

*Resolved*, That all missionaries going into China and Brazil be recalled for rest at the end of seven years.

S. C. TRUEHEART,

A. H. STROTHER.

Mrs. Calloway offered a memorial from the North Georgia Conference Society petitioning the Board to enter Japan. Referred to the Committee on Extension of Work.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Publication was read by Miss Lida Moore, Chairman. Three items of the report were rejected, and the report thus amended was adopted. (See report, p. 99.)

Mrs. McGavock suggested the necessity of revising the "Manual of Missionaries." Miss Moore moved that Mrs. McGavock be authorized to attend to its revision.

Mrs. Harvey offered as amendment that Mrs. S. S. Park and Mrs. L. T. Phillips form a committee with Mrs. McGavock as Chairman.

These ladies declining to serve, Mrs. McHenry amended the amendment by moving that Mrs. McGavock attend to the revision, and submit the "Manual," when revised, to the Local Board for approval. The last amendment was adopted.

Mrs. George W. Bain, President of the Lexington Auxiliary, gave another illustration of Kentucky hospitality by inviting the Board to remain in Lexington over Sunday and until all business had been transacted. Rev. E. L. Southgate, pastor of the Church in which the session was held, emphasized this invitation and urged its ac-

ceptance. The Board expressed its appreciation, but insisted on dispatch in business, that the session might close on Friday.

Mrs. Bain introduced members of the "Hayes Light Bearers," a society named in honor of the President, who addressed the young girls with tender solemnity and affection.

A telegram from Mrs. E. J. Robinson was read: "Thanks for kindly greetings. Read 2 Timothy i. 3."

Greeting from Mrs. J. B. Cobb, through her daughter, was received. Mrs. Cobb also expressed her disappointment and regret that the South Georgia Conference Society was not represented at this meeting of the Board, a regret shared by all members present. The Board learned with sorrow of the serious illness of Mrs. Cobb, and hoped for her speedy recovery.

Notice was read from the Western Union Telegraph Company that Mrs. Andrews was out of town and that her telegram remained undelivered.

Mrs. S. S. Park conducted the noonday service, assisted by Mrs. Bumpass, Miss Alice Waters, and Miss Emma Tucker. The half hour was full of inspiration, awakening thought and holy aspiration.

On motion of the Secretary, the Board decided to hold a session with closed doors at 3:30 P.M.

Chairmen of committees called their meetings at 2 o'clock. The doxology was sung, after which the benediction was pronounced by Dr. E. L. Southgate, and the meeting adjourned to 3:30 P.M.

### Afternoon Session.

The Board was called to order at 4 P.M., every member present, and Mrs. Hayes presiding.

Devotional exercises being concluded, Mrs. Wightman asked leave to present the report of the Committee on Missionary Candidates, in view of the fact that the candidates accepted were announced to be publicly received at 8 P.M. The report of the committee was read and adopted. (See report, p. 97.)

The report of the Local Board was then taken up, and, after a full and free discussion, was adopted.

Mrs. W. S. Black, editor of *Bright Jewels*, a juvenile paper published by the two Conference Societies in North Carolina, made a proposition to the Board that for a consideration of \$200 the list of fifteen hundred subscribers to *Bright Jewels* would be transferred to the *Little Worker* and the former paper would be discontinued, thereby

removing the obstacles now in the way of the adoption of the paper published by the Board by the two juvenile societies in the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences, this transfer to be made provided it receive the indorsement of the two Societies concerned.

On motion of Mrs. Park, the proposition was accepted.

The question of a new charter in accordance with the existing laws of Tennessee was considered, and the Foreign Secretary was authorized to procure said charter in lieu of the one under which the Woman's Missionary Society was incorporated in 1879.

The business closed at 6:45 P.M., and the meeting adjourned with the doxology.

### FIFTH DAY.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Woman's Board of Missions met in Hill Street Church at the appointed time, Friday, June 10.

Rev. C. F. Reid, of China, led the opening devotions. Twenty-six members were present at roll call, the absence of many being due to the fact that some of the committees were holding an early meeting.

The minutes of the fourth day were read, and, after amendment, were approved. Mary Roberts and Minnie Miller were the pages appointed to serve during the day.

A memorial from the Holston Conference Society was read by the Secretary, asking that District Secretaries be allowed to receive money from Auxiliaries, receipt for the same, and forward it to the Conference Treasurer, the object being to relieve Conference Treasurers.

The Board deemed it best not to make this change.

A memorial from the Florida Conference Society was also read as follows:

The Florida Conference Woman's Missionary Society, through its authorized delegate, respectfully memorializes the Woman's Board of Missions to restore the words to Section 8 of "By-laws of Conference Societies," so that it will read: "Conference Societies shall provide a contingent fund for defraying necessary expenses, which, if insufficient, may be supplemented from the treasury."

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. S. SMITH HARRIS,  
MISS KATE WHITE.

After a warm discussion, the memorial was granted, restoring the words. While the question was pending, Mrs. Callaway stated that in fourteen years, during which North Georgia had raised \$68,000 (one tenth of the amount raised by the Woman's Missionary Society), not one penny had been taken out of the Conference treasury to defray expenses.

The Secretary read the following:

To the Woman's Board of Missions.

*My Sisters:* I thank you for the consideration shown to me, both personally and officially, by your action last year when my resignation was presented.

I must now say to you that the circumstances that then made it seem right and best for me to resign the office of Secretary of Home Affairs remain unchanged, and I again present my resignation with the request that it be accepted.

May the Almighty One bless you in your loving service for the Master, and abundantly prosper the cause so dear to our hearts! MARY HELM.

Miss Helm's resignation was accepted, and, on motion, the election of her successor was proceeded with by ballot. Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, who had been serving as substitute since the last annual meeting, was declared the duly elected Secretary of Home Affairs.

Mrs. McGavock moved that recognition be made by the Board of the long and faithful services of Miss Helm, who had for years given herself unreservedly to the work of the Woman's Missionary Society.

The Board directed the Committee on Resolutions to suitably record the high estimation of the body for its retiring Secretary of Home Affairs.

Miss Helm, who was present, spoke of the blessing that the Woman's Missionary Society had been to her, and asked a benediction on the Board with whom she had been so long associated.

The reports of standing committees were called for.

Mrs. D. H. McGavock presented the closing resolutions of the Committee on Extension of Work, which were adopted.

Mrs. Cunyngnam offered a resolution, which was adopted, as follows:

Letters from missionaries in the field asking for a construction of the "pledge" taken by missionary candidates were referred to a subcommittee. This committee, after laboring in vain to find plainer language in which to express the meaning of this pledge, brought in the following resolution, which was adopted by the Committee on Extension of Work:

*Resolved*, That as we interpret this pledge, every candidate who signs it promises to give not less than five years' service to this Board. Nor do we regard the refunding of outfit and passage money as canceling this obligation.

MRS. C. W. BRANDON,

MRS. W. G. E. CUNYNGHAM.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Brandon and adopted by the Board:

Whereas this Board, in annual session, makes appropriations for our work;

also provides a contingent fund to meet emergencies during the year; therefore,

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this body that the Local Board has no right to appropriate money for any purpose outside of this contingent fund.

MRS. C. W. BRANDON.

Mrs. Cheatham asked explanation of the committee's declining to enter Japan. This inquiry brought forward the subject on which exist wide differences of opinion, *viz.*: the amount necessary to keep in bank in order to carry on the work of the Board without danger of embarrassment, the policy of the Woman's Board of Missions since its organization having been to collect its money before appropriating it. By consent of the Board, Mrs. Strother,, who advocated the reduction of the present balance, gave a blackboard illustration of her theory.

Rev. C. F. Reid, being called on for his opinion, plead for China and its suffering millions as needing workers now much more than does the progressive nation under consideration, which, it is believed by some, will, before many years, adopt the Christian religion.

The report of the Committee on Extension of Work was adopted as a whole. (See report and appropriations, pp. 99, 104.)

Miss Bradford offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Conference Secretaries instruct the Auxiliaries that funds must not be directed to special work outside of objects determined by the Board in annual session, unless permission is asked and granted.

*Resolved*, That mite boxes were provided to increase the funds for the general work, and that money collected by this means cannot be diverted to other use.

MISS LAURA BRADFORD,

MRS. D. H. MCGAVOCK.

Adopted.

Specific pledges to meet the expenses of outgoing missionaries being called for, the response by Conference Secretaries was as follows:

Alabama Conference.....	\$ 200	Mississippi Conference.....	\$ 200
Arkansas Conference.....	125	North Alabama Conference....	400
East Texas Conference.....	200	North Georgia Conference....	2,000
Florida Conference.....	300	Northwest Texas Conference..	100
Holston Conference.....	300	South Carolina Conference....	1,000
Kentucky Conference.....	500	Tennessee Conference.....	500
Little Rock (individual).....	125	Texas Conference.....	250
Louisville Conference.....	400	Western Virginia Conference..	200
Memphis Conference.....	400	West Texas Conference.....	100
White River Conference.....		\$100	

Others, while not prepared to take specific pledges, promised to do all possible to increase the fund.

On motion of the Secretary, Miss Annie Maria Barnes was given authority to raise \$5,000 from the children of our Church through the *Little Worker*, the amount raised to be sent through the Conference Treasurers.

Mrs. Strother presented a resolution as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of Home Affairs be authorized to draw upon the general treasury for a sum sufficient to secure the photographs of our outgoing missionaries.

MRS. A. H. STROTHER.

Adopted.

Mrs. Phillips offered the following, which was adopted without dissent:

*Resolved*, That this body tender thanks to the members of the Local Board, who during the year have endeavored conscientiously and faithfully to discharge duties devolving upon them as the representatives of the Woman's Board of Missions. We, the members of this Board in annual session, recognize the trying position in which they may sometimes be placed, and desire to express our sympathy for them and our confidence in their efforts to promote the interests of the Board.

MRS. L. T. PHILLIPS,	MRS. M. R. CARRIGER,
MRS. J. R. HARVEY,	MRS. S. S. PARK,
MRS. MARY A. NEILL,	MRS. S. N. JONES,
MRS. T. B. HARGROVE,	MRS. V. V. HARLAN,
MRS. MORGAN CALLAWAY.	

A second report from the Committee on Publication was presented by the Chairman, Miss Moore, and adopted as read.

As this necessitated the election of the editors of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* and the *Little Worker* by ballot, that business received immediate attention, Mrs. Cunnyingham and Mrs. Barclay acting as tellers. Thirty-eight ballots were cast. Mrs. Butler, having received thirty votes, was declared duly elected Editor of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*.

Miss Barnes was unanimously elected Editor of the *Little Worker* for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Brandon offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the President of the Woman's Board of Missions appoint a committee of five on Constitution and By-laws of Woman's Missionary Society; that this committee be instructed to indicate the duties, powers, and prerogatives of the Local Board; report of said committee being subject to the action of the Woman's Board of Missions, at the next annual meeting.

MRS. C. W. BRANDON.

This resolution was adopted, and the President appointed said committee as follows: Mrs. C. W. Brandon, Miss Maria Layng Gib-



son, Mrs. S. S. Park, Mrs. A. H. Strother, Mrs. W. G. E. Cunningham.

As the question as to the desirability of keeping Easter Sunday as Training School Day had received much attention during the session, the following resolution by Mrs. Park was adopted by a large majority:

*Resolved*, That the managers of the Woman's Board of Missions, residing in the City of Nashville, be appointed to meet a like committee of the General Board of Missions for the purpose of conferring and advising as to the selection of a suitable Sunday on which the work of the Woman's Board of Missions may be brought before the Church, and collections taken, the collection this year to be given to the Scarritt Bible and Training School. The preference of this Board is for Easter—"Woman's Day."

MRS. S. S. PARK,	MRS. T. B. HARGROVE,
MRS. MORGAN CALLAWAY,	MISS LIDA G. MOORE,
MRS. S. V. GRIFFIS,	MRS. L. T. PHILLIPS,
MRS. S. E. RUSSELL,	MRS. J. R. HARVEY.

The financial report of Miss Belle H. Bennett and Mrs. M. D. Wightman, Agents of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, was presented by Mrs. Wightman, and approved by the Board.

### Third Annual Report of Agents and Treasurer of Scarritt Bible and Training School.

*Receipts from June 1, 1891, to June 1, 1892, by Belle H. Bennett, Agent and Treasurer.*

Alabama Conference.....	\$ 192 69
Arkansas Conference.....	41 25
Baltimore Conference.....	159 25
East Texas Conference.....	356 50
Florida Conference.....	332 68
Holston Conference.....	304 03
Indian Mission Conference.....	17 89
Kentucky Conference.....	1,358 33
Little Rock Conference.....	145 72
Los Angeles Conference.....	37 49
Louisiana Conference.....	284 80
Louisville Conference.....	1,058 66
Memphis Conference.....	667 51
Mexican Border Mission Conference.....	5 00
Mississippi Conference.....	243 97
Missouri Conference.....	1,711 23
Montana Conference.....	6 00
North Alabama Conference.....	794 76
North Carolina Conference.....	237 36
North Georgia Conference.....	4,267 03

North Mississippi Conference.....	\$ 1,675 14
North Texas Conference.....	212 45
Northwest Texas Conference.....	304 20
Pacific Conference.....	82 75
South Carolina Conference.....	77 42
South Georgia Conference.....	850 03
Southwest Missouri Conference.....	1,272 53
St. Louis Conference.....	583 37
Tennessee Conference.....	540 00
Texas Conference.....	232 41
Virginia Conference.....	187 88
Western Conference.....	123 01
Western North Carolina Conference.....	562 06
Western Virginia Conference.....	12 11
West Texas Conference.....	122 90
White River Conference.....	85 00
Unclassified.....	24 30
"Christian Womanhood".....	72 22
Interest.....	718 66

Total.....\$19,960 59

Balance, June 1, 1891.....31,114 42

Total receipts.....\$51,075 01

1891.

DISBURSEMENTS.

July 10. J. S. Chick, Treasurer, for building fund.....	\$10,000 00
July 17. J. S. Chick, Treasurer, for building fund.....	5,000 00
Aug. 24. J. S. Chick, Treasurer, for building fund.....	3,000 00
Oct. 12. J. S. Chick, Treasurer, for building fund.....	6,000 00

1892.

Jan. 16. J. S. Chick, Treasurer, for endowment fund.....	10,000 00
Mar. 1. J. S. Chick, Treasurer, for endowment fund.....	5,000 00
Printing and mailing literature.....	627 60
Salary of bookkeeper and Secretary to May 10, 1892.....	480 00
General office and traveling expenses.....	490 70

Total disbursements.....\$40,598 30

Total receipts.....51,075 01

Balance June 1, 1892.....\$10,476 72

*Mrs. M. D. Wightman, in Account with the Searrith Bible and Training School.*

Baltimore Conference.....	\$ 104 50
Holston Conference.....	20 00
Louisiana Conference.....	55 00
Little Rock Conference.....	25 00
Mississippi Conference.....	17 00
North Alabama Conference.....	25 00
North Carolina Conference.....	5 00

North Mississippi Conference.....	\$ 124 00
South Carolina Conference.....	1,188 78
South Georgia Conference.....	61 20
Virginia Conference.....	512 00
White River Conference.....	56 00
Rev. W. M. Adams.....	24 60
Interest.....	209 72

Total.....\$ 2,427 80

Balance reported June, 1891.....3,859 06

Total collected by Mrs. Wightman.....\$ 6,286 86

Total remitted to Mr. Chick by Miss Bennett, 1892.....\$39,000 00

Total remitted to Mr. Chick by Mrs. Wightman, 1892.....6,286 86

Total.....\$45,286 86

#### SPECIALS.

##### THE FRANCIS BUMPASS LECTURESHIP.

North Carolina Conference.....\$ 237 36

Western North Carolina Conference.....562 06—\$ 799 42

##### THE MORGAN CALLAWAY LECTURESHIP.

North Georgia Conference.....4,180 23

##### THE KAVANAUGH LECTURESHIP.

Louisville Conference.....\$ 983 66

Indian Mission Conference.....5 00

North Mississippi Conference.....6 00— 994 66

St. Louis Conference Special Fund.....269 82

##### THE STEPHEN NOLAND LECTURESHIP.

Kentucky Conference.....423 58

The Tennessee Conference Lectureship.....540 00

##### THE HELEN FINLAY SCHOLARSHIP.

North Mississippi Conference.....1,448 24

##### THE SAM JONES SCHOLARSHIP.

Kentucky Conference.....754 75

##### THE FANNIE MONTAGUE SCHOLARSHIP.

Missouri Conference.....1,484 98

##### THE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.

Kentucky Conference, 1889 to 1891.....\$ 131 24

Louisville Conference, 1889 to 1891.....30 00

St. Louis Conference, 1889 to 1891.....10 00

Louisiana Conference, 1889 to 1891.....10 00

Baltimore Conference, 1891 to 1892.....1 00

Holston Conference, 1891 to 1892.....10 00

Kentucky Conference, 1891 to 1892.....5 00

Mississippi Conference, 1891 to 1892.....5 00

St. Louis Conference, 1891 to 1892.....313 55

West Texas Conference, 1891 to 1892.....2 50— 518 29

THE NORTH TEXAS SCHOLARSHIP.	
North Texas Conference.....	\$ 112 45
THE WEYMAN POTTER SCHOLARSHIP.	
Kentucky Conference.....	\$ 100 00
North Georgia Conference.....	86 80
South Georgia Conference.....	850 03— 1,036 83
THE S. MYRA SMITH SCHOLARSHIP.	
North Mississippi Conference.	
Greenville, 1889 to 1891.....	\$ 1,065 55
Greenville, 1891 to 1892.....	220 90— 1,286 45
THE TEXAS SCHOLARSHIP.	
Texas Conference.....	232 41
THE HELM BARCLAY ROOM.	
Louisville Conference.....	75 00
THE SUE A. BENNETT ROOM FOR HOME MISSIONARIES.	
Kentucky Conference.....	75 00
THE HOAGLAND ROOM.	
Missouri Conference.....	151 25
THE LAMBUTH ROOM.	
Memphis Conference.....	75 00
THE MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE ROOM.	
Mississippi Conference.....	19 45
THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE ROOM.	
Missouri Conference.....	75 00
THE FLORENCE MALONE ROOM.	
White River Conference.....	75 00
THE WESSON ROOM.	
Mississippi Conference.....	75 00
THE WINFIELD ROOM.	
Little Rock Conference.....	27 75
THE CLARA CHRISMAN WINDOW.	
Mississippi Conference.....	62 25
THE DONA HAMILTON WINDOW.	
North Texas Conference.....	100 00
THE DORA RANKIN WINDOW.	
Memphis Conference.....	100 00
THE SCARRITT MEMORIAL WINDOW.	
Southwest Missouri Conference.....	895 35
Total.....	\$15,888 16

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Total for lectureships.....	\$ 7,207 71
Total for scholarships.....	6,874 40—\$14,082 11
Total for rooms.....	\$ 648 45
Total for windows.....	1,157 60— 1,806 05

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BELLE H. BENNETT, *Agent and Treasurer.*

The Secretary read the following, which was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That we are gratified at the work done by the agents of the Training School, Miss Belle H. Bennett and Mrs. M. D. Wightman, and bid them Godspeed in the work. May their hearts faint not until the great enterprise is not only fully equipped, but also sustained!

MRS. W. G. E. CUNNYNGHAM,  
MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART.

Mrs. Hargrove offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Woman's Board of Missions heartily indorses its sister worker, the Parsonage and Home Missionary Society; that it returns the kind fraternal greetings given at this meeting by its representative, Mrs. Burdette, of Louisville; that it urges upon its members earnest coöperation with the Parsonage and Home Missionary work, and that we, its members, find in that Society a channel through which all our *home* work—viz., care of parsonages, building of parsonages in needy places, Christian work among negroes, and home missionary work of every kind—be done; that, as Christian women, we desire to be ready to *every good work*.

MRS. T. B. HARGROVE,  
MRS. MORGAN CALLAWAY,  
MRS. L. H. McHENRY.

Adopted without dissent.

On motion of the Secretary, a session was fixed at 3 P.M., to close the business of the fourteenth annual session.

As the President would be compelled to leave the city before the afternoon session, she spoke a few touching words in parting, and asked that "God be with you till we meet again" be sung. During the singing of the hymn many members of the Board came forward to take leave of its aged President, who, if spared to meet with the Board another year, will wear "fourscore years" as a crown. At the close of the hymn, Mrs. Wightman offered a prayer of thanksgiving, and implored the benediction of the Most High on the President on her homeward journey.

Extension of time had been asked for and granted, and at 12:50 P.M., after the doxology and benediction, the meeting adjourned to 3 P.M.

#### Afternoon Session.

At the time and place specified, the Woman's Board of Missions met for the closing business session, the Vice President, Mrs. M. D. Wightman, in the chair.

Mrs. E. H. Pearce, of Danville, Ky., led the opening devotional services.

At roll call, thirty-two members were present. The minutes of

the morning session were read, and after a few verbal changes were approved.

A telegram of greeting from Mrs. E. C. Dowdell was read: "Greet them that love us in the faith. Read 1 Thessalonians i. 2-4."

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Missionary Candidates was read by Mrs. Park. The report was amended and then adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Trueheart, 1,000 copies of the "Manual for Missionaries" when revised, were ordered to be printed.

The Committee on Finance presented its report through the Chairman, Mrs. McTyeire.

Three items were amended before adoption, and the remainder were adopted without discussion. The report as a whole was adopted as amended.

Mrs. Trueheart presented the following:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Woman's Board of Missions are due and are herewith tendered the Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, for the use of illustrations—free of charge for the leaflets, and in part for the *Little Worker*.

That we, its members, thank the Publishing House for so handsomely fitting up the rooms provided for the editors of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* and *Little Worker*.

MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART,

MRS. S. S. PARK.

Adopted unanimously.

Miss A. M. Barnes was reelected Editor and Publisher of Leaflets by acclamation, a deserved tribute to her recognized ability.

Mrs. Trueheart moved that the Week of Prayer and Thanksgiving include Thanksgiving Day, and that a special programme be prepared by the Editor of Leaflets. Carried.

Mrs. McGavock moved that \$200, the amount to be paid for *Bright Jewels* in case the proposed transfer be effected, be paid out of the funds of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*; also that the salary of the Editor of *Little Worker* be supplemented from the same fund if receipts of the juvenile paper prove insufficient.

The Publishing Committee was elected as follows: Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Mrs. W. G. E. Cunyngham, Mrs. L. H. McHenry, Mrs. I. G. John, Mrs. M. I. Du Pré.

Mrs. Carriger offered a resolution as follows:

*Resolved*, That we recognize that the presence of our beloved Foreign Secretary, Mrs. D. H. McGavock, has been a great benefit and blessing to this meeting. We desire to express our high appreciation of her work during the past, and we pray that she may be granted strength to be with us as a leader for many years to come.

MRS. M. R. CARRIGER, MRS. A. HENDRIX,  
MRS. E. AVIS, MRS. F. M. BUMPASS.

This resolution was adopted without a dissenting voice.

Mrs. McHenry, President of the Nashville Free Kindergarten Association, renewed the offer, made last year, of a year's tuition to any missionary candidate sent there by the Board. The offer was accepted with thanks.

The selection of the place of holding the fifteenth annual meeting was next in order.

Los Angeles, Cal., Kansas City, Mo., and Lexington, Ky., were put in nomination.

Kansas City was chosen by a large majority. The Board of Managers of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, justly proud and happy in the privilege of so doing, added an invitation to hold the session in the beautiful chapel of the Training School.

Mrs. Black presented the following resolution, which had been adopted unanimously at the last annual session of the North Carolina Conference Society:

*Resolved*, That this Conference Society memorialize the Woman's Board of Missions to hold its annual meetings as early after March as possible.

And added that she, as Secretary of that Conference Society, would emphasize the necessity of an earlier meeting of the Board.

The resolution was adopted.

Mrs. Phillips presented her report as Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions as follows:

Whereas Miss Mary Helm has faithfully and satisfactorily filled the office of Secretary of Home Affairs, showing in all her plans and suggestions her deep love for the cause of Missions,

1. *Resolved*, That we deeply regret the circumstances that have caused her to resign the office of Secretary of Home Affairs. We regret to lose her services, her devotion, and her counsel, and pray that her health may be fully restored, her love for the work increase, and her joy in the Lord continue to comfort and cheer her heart and to brighten her life.

2. That the Woman's Board of Missions has learned with regret that circumstances prevent Mr. J. D. Hamilton from serving longer as its Auditor.

That its members extend to him their grateful appreciation for the valued and cordial assistance he has rendered.

3. That the thanks of this body are due Mrs. J. D. Hamilton for her services in distributing mite boxes, missionary literature, and certificates in the interest of the work we are all endeavoring to promote.

4. That the Woman's Board of Missions, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in annual session at Lexington, Ky., express hearty thanks for the delightful hospitality enjoyed during its stay in the far-famed blue grass region. May the blessing of heaven abide in its fullness upon the

kind hearts that have planned for the entertainment of its members, and on the hospitable homes opened to receive them!

5. That we, the members of the Board, acknowledge our indebtedness to Mrs. George W. Bain and Mrs. M. L. Harris, Committee on Entertainment, whose gracious courtesy and thoughtful attentions have added so much to our comfort and pleasure at this meeting.

6. That this body express its grateful appreciation of the eloquent address delivered by Col. George W. Bain on the subject: "The Bible and Bottle in Heathen Lands;" also of the interesting and instructive lecture on "China, our Great Mission Field," by Rev. C. F. Reid. May they long be spared to edify their brethren and to promote the great cause they have at heart!

7. That we express our gratification at the presence of Bishop Hendrix at the fourteenth annual session of the Board; and our gratitude for the uplift to a nobler service in the cause of the Master inspired by his grand and lofty utterances.

8. That we welcome at this meeting Miss Hughes, from China; Miss Wilson, from Mexico; Miss Polk, from the Woman's Medical College at Philadelphia; and pray Heaven's choicest blessings upon them as well as on all the dear, brave hearts, who, at this session of the Woman's Board of Missions, have received their commission to go forth as our representatives in the foreign fields.

9. That this Board tenders an expression of its high appreciation of the services of the Building Committee of the Scarritt Bible and Training School for performing in so gratifying a manner the arduous labors undertaken in the interests of the Board. The beautiful building which has risen under their management is a substantial evidence of their wisdom and ability.

10. That the thanks of this Board are due Rev. E. L. Southgate for kind and helpful attentions; the choir and accomplished organist of the Church, for beautiful music at every evening session; the "Hayes Light Bearers," for lovely badges, which will serve as sweet souvenirs of the fourteenth annual session; the "Belle Bennett Band," who as pages so gracefully aided the members of the Board by their quiet ministrations. May each and all receive a double blessing from Him whose servants we are!

11. That we convey to the Electric Railroad Company, of Lexington, the thanks of this Board for the gracious and repeated invitations to enjoy a view of the city and its lovely suburbs on the new excursion cars.

12. That we extend to the numerous lines of railways leading to this point our grateful acknowledgments for the reduction of rates granted to the delegates from the various states represented in the Woman's Board of Missions, as well as to the numerous visitors at this session of the Board.

MRS. A. E. PHILLIPS, *Chairman*.

The report of the committee was adopted by a rising vote.

The Secretary stated that she had forwarded two copies of the resolution passed at the last annual meeting relative to closing the Columbian Exposition on Sunday: one to the Board of Reference and Control, at Chicago, and the other to Senator Colquitt, at At-



lanta, Ga., requesting his assistance in getting the resolution before Congress. She had received reply from the Board of Reference and Control, acknowledging the receipt of her letter and promising that it should receive attention at the proper time. As she had received no acknowledgment of the other, she feared that it had failed to reach its destination.

Mrs. Wightman requested the Secretary to read a letter from Chu Joy, a Chinese boy in her Sunday school class in Charleston, S. C.; and urged the importance of seeking the conversion of those people whom Providence had led to this Christian land, so that they may return to China as messengers of Christianity.

In this connection, while having no desire as a society to take part in politics, the Board instructed its Secretary to place on record its deprecation of the Chinese Exclusion Bill as an interference to missionary effort.

This action ended the business before the Board. The minutes of the closing session were read and approved.

At this juncture another invitation from the Electric Car Company was received, placing excursion cars at the disposal of the Board for a ride through the city and environs, the cars to start at 5 o'clock. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," voiced the gratitude of the Board to the Master of Assemblies, and the fourteenth annual session of the Woman's Board of Missions adjourned with the benediction by Rev. E. L. Southgate.

MARIA LAYNG GIBSON, *Recording Secretary*.

MRS. JULIANA HAYES, *President*.

# REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

## COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

Your committee entered upon its duties with a sense of devout thanksgiving that the Lord of the harvest had indeed heard our prayers, and thrust out laborers into his harvest. Still many more are greatly needed, and we trust they will be moved by the Spirit to join these; then the strength of each will be conserved and not wasted. We pray that not a few, but a joyful "host of women publishers" may become light-givers, holding forth the word of life to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

1. Four ladies have completed the several courses of study which were thought necessary for their full equipment for work, and we concur in the decision of the Local Board that they be given appointment to China. These are: Miss Martha Pyles, Southwest Missouri Conference, presented in 1889; Miss Alice G. Waters, Memphis Conference, presented in 1890; Miss Sue T. Blake, Florida Conference, presented in 1890; Miss Minnie Bomar, East Texas Conference, presented in 1891.

2. Mrs. Julia Gaither, of Georgia, was accepted by the Local Board as assistant to Miss Haygood, of Shanghai, China, and was so appointed by Bishop Wilson, November 13, 1891.

3. Miss Delia Holding's application, after nearly ten years of service, to become a regular missionary of this Board, was made in due form, and satisfactory papers furnished. We cordially approve her proposal, and would appoint her to Mexican Border.

The testimonials of seven ladies had been favorably acted upon by the Local Board. These were submitted to the committee, and received careful attention. Two of these applications were not altogether satisfactory, the reasons for which will be made known to you. Of the others,

1. Miss S. B. Reynolds, of Columbia, S. C., furnished excellent credentials, and seemed from these so adapted for the work which is now in such urgent need of teachers, that the vote was unanimous to employ her in the Anglo-Chinese High School for Girls, in Shanghai, China.

2. Miss Emma Gary, of Oxford, Ga., also had satisfactory certificates, and your committee consider her a good reinforcement for the needy band in China.

3. The committee were satisfied with the papers of Miss Alice Moore, of Oxford, Ga., and suggest that you assign her for service to Piracicaba, Brazil.

4. Miss Susan Littlejohn, of Pacolet, S. C., had appreciative recommendations from teachers of known ability in her state, and has taught with success for several years. She would be well placed at Juiz de Fora, Brazil.

5. Miss Amelia Elerding, of Wisconsin, brought letters of high approval and indorsement; without dissent, the committee suggest that she be employed in Rio, Brazil.

6. Miss Cope McMurray, of Shelbina, Mo., appeared before this Board in St. Louis, Mo., in 1890, and her testimonials were of high order. She was quite young, and is still under age. The committee feel desirous that the Board shall secure her services, and are united in the hope that Miss McMurray will attend the Scaritt Bible and Training School for a year, and then become your accredited missionary.

7. Miss Georgiana Smith, of Arcadia, Fla., is also a most desirable candidate, and is presented for your acceptance after she has availed herself of the help which a year in the Training School will afford her. Such training will be invaluable to all who are favored with the privilege.

Your committee would advise correspondence with three other ladies who were mentioned with warm commendation, but whose papers were incomplete, in the hope that all their certificates and pledges would be properly filled and signed, and each one be indorsed and presented by the Conference Society Committee, whose duty is to ascertain the qualifications of a candidate, and when these are satisfactory to then present her to the Board.

The committee has been much embarrassed on account of the lack of conformity to the prescribed regulations of the Board, and beg to offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the existing law [page 84, Thirteenth Annual Report] be inserted in the Manual for Missionary Candidates.

Your committee also recommends that the duties of our missionaries for the first year of service shall be so arranged that they shall be allowed much more time than is usually given for the study of the language.

MRS. M. D. WIGHTMAN, *Chairman*.

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The committee recommends the following appropriations for local expenses:

1. For the President in prosecuting the work of the Board, \$250.
2. For clerical services and office expenses of Foreign Secretary, \$1,200.
3. For office expenses of Secretary of Home Affairs, \$250; contingent, \$50.
4. For office expenses of Treasurer, \$50.
5. For publications ordered by the Board, the Treasurer to meet the expenses of mailing the same, \$900; contingent, \$100.
6. For publishing and mailing leaflets, \$600; contingent, \$100.
7. For mailing mite boxes, \$50.
8. For Editor and Agent of *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, \$100 per month, to be paid out of the proceeds of the paper.
9. For assistant to the Editor and Agent of above, to be paid from the receipts of paper, \$500.
10. For Editor and Agent of juvenile paper, \$750, to be paid from the receipts of the paper if possible; if not, to be supplemented from the funds of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*.
11. *Resolved*, That the Editor of the juvenile paper be authorized to employ an assistant, paying \$300 from the proceeds of the paper.

MRS. H. N. McTYEIRE, *Chairman*.

## COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

This committee, after prayerful and careful consideration of the reports and suggestions submitted to it, respectfully recommends:

1. That there be published and distributed not less than eight thousand copies of the Fourteenth Annual Report, including the minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Session of the Woman's Board of Missions.

2. That as many summarized reports, Constitutions, blanks, and slips be provided as the Publishing Committee thinks necessary.

3. That twelve varieties of leaflets for Adult, Young People's, and Juvenile Societies each be issued; also programmes in leaflet form.

4. That maps of the mission stations and illustrations be introduced into our literature whenever practicable.

5. That the juvenile department and programmes be left out of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, and a Young People's department and programmes be substituted.

6. That the list of books prepared by Miss Mary Helm be adopted for general reading in our Woman's Missionary Societies; also the course of reading prepared by "Cross Bearers' Missionary Reading Circle." The address of its Secretary is Z. M. Williams, St. Joseph, Mo.

7. That while we appreciate the good accomplished by all missionary publications, we think it advisable for the Woman's Board of Missions to urge the zealous support of its own connectional organs.

8. That, whereas the *Little Worker* has met with great favor in our juvenile societies, and we regard it as a necessity for information and inspiration; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we heartily recommend it and endeavor to circulate it more widely among the children of our Church.

9. That the editors of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* and *Little Worker* be elected by ballot.

10. That there be published a catalogue and price list of all the publications now handled by the Woman's Board of Missions; not only of our own papers and leaflets, but also of such publications of other societies as would prove helpful and interesting to our readers. LIDA G. MOORE, *Chairman*.

## COMMITTEE ON EXTENSION OF WORK.

## CHINA.

The first question under discussion was in regard to exchange of property at Shanghai between the General Board of Missions and the Woman's Board. With reference to this the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

*Resolved*, That the committee having carefully considered the question presented by a committee from the "Mission Meeting" to the Woman's Meeting in China, with reference to an exchange of property in Shanghai, which would bring all the property in Trinity compound into the hands of the General Board, and all at the new Home and School into the hands of the Woman's Board, does not feel justified in recommending such an exchange.

The committee fully concurred in the views of Mrs. Campbell and Miss

Haygood in regard to Miss Jennie Atkinson's returning home; she having faithfully served our Mission for eight years, needs change and rest; therefore,

*Resolved*, That Miss Jennie Atkinson be granted leave to return home.

The next question taken up was the resolutions sent from the annual meeting of the missionaries of this Board in China, relative to action had at the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions. (See p. 101, Thirteenth Annual Report.)

*Resolved*, That we heard with pleasure of the action of the Woman's Board of Missions in inviting the coöperation of the wives of missionaries in the several fields of work, and providing for membership in the annual meetings of their representatives, of those who are engaged in *full and regular work* of the Woman's Board of Missions.

*Resolved*, That we respectfully ask that such privileges be made to include the right of voting upon such questions as may arise in the annual meetings of the workers.

LAURA A. HAYGOOD,  
MARY MCCLELLAN,  
MILDRED M. PHILIPS."

In reply to this memorial, the committee decided that it was best to defer action on the subject for a year.

Miss Lochie Rankin and Miss Smithey having been sadly bereaved during the past year, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That we desire to convey to Miss Lochie Rankin the deepest sympathy in the death of her brother, Rev. C. Y. Rankin, late of the Pacific Conference.

*Resolved*, That in this third bereavement that has come to our beloved missionary since she gave her life to China, we pray that the divine power that upheld her in the loss of her father and sister—the lamented Dora Rankin—may continue to strengthen, sustain, and comfort her.

*Resolved*, That we feel deeply with Miss Smithey in the loss of her brother, and pray that the "Comforter" may abide with her.

The question of opening the Bible and Training School in Shanghai was taken up, and it is hoped that among the recruits sent to that field this year some one will be found capable of assuming charge of this institution, a memorial of Mrs. Ann Davidson, of blessed memory.

In view of the fact that this committee is advised by a physician that the health of Miss Hughes does not warrant the belief that she will be ready to resume work in China next fall unless she spends the remainder of her vacation in a higher latitude than her home, it recommends that the Board send Miss Hughes to the mountains of North Carolina for the next three months, that we may feel assured that her return to China in September may involve no risk to her health.

#### MEXICO.

Mexico next received consideration. Miss Nannie E. Holding, agent for the Woman's Board of Missions for the Mexican work, "asked largely," but it was impossible to grant all that was requested for that ever growing work, as other fields had claims quite as pressing.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That we have read with great interest the plans for extension and enlargement in Mexico. In our hearts we indorse them, but circumstances make it impossible for the Board to extend the work in any field at this time.

Whereas Mrs. S. S. Park, Corresponding Secretary of the Texas Conference Society, in compliance with the wishes of the Board at its last annual session, went to Chihuahua, Mexico, to superintend the erection of the school building, and spent six months there giving careful attention to the work; keeping account of all disbursements to the minutest detail; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the warm gratitude of our hearts is due Mrs. Park for her faithful, painstaking, satisfactory service so cheerfully rendered. Chihuahua is her debtor for a well-built, commodious home and school.

*Resolved*, That advices having come from her physician and others, that the health of our beloved missionary, Miss Holding, is seriously threatened, and that she must have rest and freedom from care, we sympathize with her in the great disappointment she feels in leaving for a time her loved employ, and it is the wish of the Board that she accept no invitations to speak, and in no wise tax her mind or body while trying to regain health.

#### BRAZIL.

The missionaries in this field had "devised liberal things," and made their desires known to the Board. The claims of the Mission were carefully considered; but, as in other fields, while it was painful to the committee to seem to check the zeal of the missionaries, it was impossible to meet expectation, and the following was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we have noted with pleasure and great interest the plans of the missionaries in Brazil for enlargement; but the committee cannot recommend extension while work already organized is not properly equipped.

Letters were read from Miss Bruce and others in regard to the work in Rio, which led to the following action:

Whereas the situation in Rio has been a subject of deepest concern; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the reasons given by our representatives in Brazil for discontinuing the boarding school in Rio—viz.: "the frequent return of yellow fever; the great care and responsibility of children at such times; the nursing of these by day and night in sickness, breaking down the strength of the missionaries; and the labor and expense of such work bringing better results in more favored localities"—seem to us sufficient to recommend that the boarding school be discontinued, and work among women be substituted.

*Resolved*, That as the property in Rio is very valuable, but too large to use for day school work, it is thought wisest to dispose of a part or the whole at such time as may be judged best by those on the field; the proceeds to be invested in a home and day school in Rio, and also to erect a building for the boarding school established in Juis de Fora.

The subject next discussed was that of sending to the foreign fields teach-

ers who do not go as missionaries—a plan offered and accepted at last annual meeting. Able letters from the field and from prominent workers in sister societies were read, and as without an exception they opposed this measure, therefore,

*Resolved*, That as protests have come from the foreign fields with reference to sending out teachers that are not regularly accepted missionaries; and as, on investigation, it is learned that this is not the policy of other Woman's Mission Boards, we recommend that the action had at last annual meeting on this question be rescinded.

Letters were read from Miss Mattie Jones, now at home, showing the conditions that hedged her way from resuming work as a missionary at present; in reference to which the committee offers the following:

*Resolved*, That the Board, appreciating the years of work so faithfully done by this devoted missionary, regrets her inability to return to the field, while it honors the motives that now govern her decision; and its members pray that the time may soon come when she can feel at liberty to resume missionary work.

*Resolved*, That as soon as it is possible for Miss Jones to reënter the field, the committee recommends her appointment.

Letters from Mrs. Brelsford, Kindergartner in the school at Piracicaba, were examined.

The committee does not regard Mrs. Brelsford's plan of establishing free kindergartens feasible, and recommends that she undertake no independent work, but continue to act under the advice of the Principal of the school.

The committee also recommends the following:

*Resolved*, That Miss Watts be granted leave to return home within the year, should her health require the change; that if possible, while at home, she be requested to note all the new methods of education that she desires, in order to plan more largely, as the Agent of the Board, for extension of work in Brazil, and for this purpose her regular salary be continued during her absence from the field, provided the period be not longer than one year.

*Resolved*, That the Board expresses appreciation of the labors of Miss Marvin, and hopes that rest at home will so renew her strength that she may be able to resume work.

*Resolved*, That the Board has received the resignation of Miss Bruce with deepest regret, and is not willing to accept it; but recognizing the necessity for her to have rest and quiet until her health is restored, grants her leave to return home.

#### INDIAN MISSIONS.

The necessities of this field were next presented to the committee. The requests were so reasonable and the work done so valuable in comparison with the amount expended, that the committee is glad to be able to recommend compliance with almost all the requests. In addition, it offers the following:

*Resolved*, In consideration of the faithful and helpful service rendered the Woman's Board of Missions by Rev. J. J. Methvin, in addition to his other arduous labors, that this Board tender him personally \$500 as a token of respect and appreciation.

## JAPAN.

A memorial from the North Georgia Conference in regard to entering Japan was referred to the committee by the Board.

The wishes of the North Georgia Conference are entitled to great respect, and the memorial from this active society received most careful attention; but the committee cannot recommend granting the request.

Japan is an inviting field, which commands our sympathies and incites our desires to enter; but obligations to work already begun in other fields must be fully met before work can be undertaken in any mission not hitherto occupied by the Woman's Board.

The telegram from Rev. W. B. Palmore asking the Board to appoint a committee to investigate the West Indies with a view to entering that field was also referred to this committee, and received due consideration.

Dr. Palmore has, in a tangible form, shown his interest in the work of the Woman's Board of Missions, and his suggestions, enkindled by his missionary zeal, are gratefully received; but the committee must recommend non-compliance because of the large demand upon the resources of the Board, and also by reason of its policy to work only in fields occupied by the General Board.

A communication from Mrs. J. E. Ray, Superintendent of Woman's Christian Temperance Union Department of Home and Foreign Missions to the colored people, was laid before the committee.

Much interest is felt in this people, and the committee recommend that as far as comes within the scope of our organization we will be glad to assist them in forming societies for the spread of the gospel among their race.



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Salary of Miss Haygood.....	\$	750	
Salary of Miss McClellan.....		750	
Salary of Miss Richardson.....		750	
Salary of Miss Hughes and travel to China.....		1,150	
Clopton boarding school.....		800	
Day schools.....		1,000	
McTyeire Home and School.....		500	
Work among women.....		500	
Taxes, repairs, and incidentals.....		500	
Contingent.....		500—	\$ 7,200

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Day schools.....	\$	250	
Taxes and repairs.....		50—	300

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Salary of Miss Rankin.....	\$	750	
Salary of Miss Kerr.....		750	
House-rent.....		120	
Anglo-Chinese school.....		450	
Day schools.....		450	
Itinerations and incidentals.....		100—	2,620

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Salary of Mrs. Campbell.....	\$	750	
Home salary and travel of Miss Atkinson.....		725	
Salary of Miss Smithey.....		750	
Boarding school.....		750	
Day schools.....		800	
Hospital.....		1,300	
Woman's work.....		400	
Taxes, repairs, and incidentals.....		500—	5,975
Printing for Mission.....	\$	500	
Contingent.....		500	
Office and itinerating.....		100	
To send nine missionaries.....		12,150—	13,250

Total for China.....			\$29,345
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## MEXICAN BORDER MISSION CONFERENCE.

*Laredo Seminary.*

Salary of Miss N. E. Holding.....	\$ 750
Salary of Miss Delia Holding.....	600
Salary of Miss Lizzie Wilson.....	750
Salary of Miss Lucy Harper.....	750
Salary of matron.....	300
Salary of extra teacher.....	600
Salary of two native teachers.....	300
Repairs .....	200
Literature.....	50
Woman's work.....	150
Current expenses.....	4,000
Office and itinerating of Agent .....	300
Insurance for five years.....	1,200
To build dining room and dormitories for boys and for furnishing same.....	5,000
Home trip of Misses Holding.....	300—\$15,250

*Laredo Day School.*

Salary of Mrs. McClendon.....	\$ 750
Salary of native teacher.....	150
House rent.....	300
Furnishing .....	50
Literature .....	50— 1,300

*Nuevo Laredo.*

Salary of native teacher.....	150
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*Saltillo.*

Salary of Miss Roberts.....	\$ 750
Salary of Miss Tydings.....	750
Salary of Miss Fannin.....	750
Salary of two extra teachers.....	1,200
Salary of native teacher .....	150
Charity school.....	150
Woman's work .....	150
Literature.....	50
Building dining room.....	750
Taxes, repairs, and incidentals.....	500— 5,200

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Total for Mexican Border Mission Conference..... \$21,900

## NORTHWEST MEXICAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

*Chihuahua.*

Salary of Miss A. V. Wilson.....	\$ 750
Salary of Miss Turner.....	750
Salary of Miss Dorsey.....	750
Salary of extra teacher.....	600

Salary of native teacher.....	\$ 150
Charity school.....	150
Woman's work.....	150
Literature.....	50
Current expenses.....	600
To finish rooms begun.....	500
A well.....	200
Mrs. S. S. Park.....	100—\$ 4,750

*Durango.*

Salary of Miss McFarren.....	\$ 750
Salary of two extra teachers.....	1,200
Salary of native teacher.....	240
Taxes, repairs, furnishing.....	1,500
Charity school.....	150
Woman's work.....	150
Literature.....	50— 4,040

Total for Northwest Mexican Mission Conference.....	\$ 8,790
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## CENTRAL MEXICAN MISSION CONFERENCE.

*San Luis Potosi.*

Salary of Miss R. Toland.....	\$ 750
Salary of Miss Mason.....	600
Salary of Miss Irene Toland.....	600
Salary of Miss Mielke.....	600
Salary of native teacher.....	150
Charity school.....	150
Woman's work.....	150
Literature.....	50
Incidentals, taxes, and repairs.....	200

Total for Central Mexican Conference.....	\$ 3,250
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Grand total for Mexico.....	\$33,940
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## BRAZIL.

*Piracicaba.*

Home salary and travel of Miss Watts.....	\$ 1,050
Salary of Miss Phillips.....	750
Salary of Mrs Brelsford.....	750
Sending out a missionary.....	1,200
Taxes, repairs, and incidentals.....	500—\$ 4,250

*Rio.*

Salary of Miss Ross.....	\$ 750
Sending a missionary.....	1,200
Miss Marvin's trip home.....	250
Tenement house work.....	500
Contingent, taxes and repairs.....	500— 3,250

*Juiz de Fora.*

Salary of Miss Brown .....	\$ 750
Miss Bruce's trip home .....	250
Sending a missionary .....	1,250
Salary of matron .....	300
Rent of building .....	800
Contingent and incidentals .....	500—\$ 3,850
Itineration for Mission .....	250
Total for Brazil .....	<u>\$11,600</u>

## INDIAN MISSION.

*Anadarko.*

Salary of Miss Gregory .....	\$ 500
Salary of assistant .....	350
Salary of matron .....	350
Salary of assistant matron and seamstress .....	300
Industrial teacher and service .....	500
Current expenses .....	300
Finishing building, cistern, windmill, fencing, farm stock, and insurance .....	1,550
Salary of Miss Brewster, camp work .....	400
Due on Miss Brewster's salary of last year .....	75
Two other camp workers .....	600
Rev. J. J. Methvin .....	500
Total to Indian Mission .....	<u>\$5,425</u>

## SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS.

China .....	\$29,345
Mexico .....	33,940
Brazil .....	11,600
Indian Mission .....	5,425
Contingent, printing, office, and course of medical candidate .....	6,500
Grand total .....	<u>\$86,810</u>

## Missionaries Employed by the Woman's Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South, Since It Was Organized.

MISSIONARIES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.	CONFERENCE SOCIETY.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	APPT'D.
Miss Lochie Rankin.....	Milan, Tenn.....	Memphis.....	Shanghai, China, Box 143.....	1878
Miss Dora Rankin *.....	Milan, Tenn.....	Memphis.....	.....	1879
Miss Mattie H. Watts.....	Louisville, Ky.....	Louisville.....	Piracicaba, State de São Paulo, Brazil, S. A.....	1881
Miss Annie Williams †.....	Georgetown, Tex.....	West Texas.....	.....	1881
Miss Rebecca Toland.....	Chappell Hill, Tex.....	Northwest Texas.....	San Luis Potosi, Mexico.....	1881
Miss Anna J. Muse †.....	Atlanta, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	.....	1882
Miss Blanche Gilbert †.....	Roanoke, Va.....	Baltimore.....	.....	1882
Miss Sarah Buford †.....	Georgetown, Tex.....	Texas.....	.....	1882
Mrs. J. W. Lambuth †.....	China.....	.....	.....	.....
Miss Nora Lambuth †.....	China.....	.....	.....	.....
Mrs. A. P. Parker.....	China.....	.....	.....	.....
Miss Mattie B. Jones †.....	Norcross, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	96 Rua Larangeiras, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.....	1883
Miss Nannie E. Holding.....	Somersett, Ky.....	Kentucky.....	Laredo, Tex.....	1883
Miss Jennie C. Wolf †.....	Pensacola, Fla.....	Alabama.....	.....	1883
Miss Laura A. Haygood.....	Atlanta, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Shanghai, China.....	1884
Miss Dona Hamilton *.....	Paris, Tex.....	North Texas.....	.....	1884
Miss Jennie M. Atkinson.....	Rock Mills, Ala.....	North Alabama.....	Soochow, China.....	1884
Miss Mildred M. Phillips, M.D.....	California, Mo.....	Southwest Missouri.....	Soochow, China.....	1884
Miss Lon E. Phillips †.....	California, Mo.....	Southwest Missouri.....	.....	1884
Miss Mary W. Bruce.....	Plattsburg, Mo.....	Missouri.....	96 Rua Larangeiras, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.....	1884
Miss Emma E. Kerr.....	Brownsville, Tenn.....	Memphis.....	Shanghai, China, Box 143.....	1887
Mrs. J. P. Campbell.....	Los Angeles, Cal.....	Los Angeles.....	Soochow, China.....	1887
Miss Kate R. Roberts † *.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	Tennessee.....	.....	1887
Miss Addie F. Gordon †.....	Port Gibson, Miss.....	North Mississippi.....	.....	1887
Miss Bettie Hughes.....	Meridian, Miss.....	Mississippi.....	Shanghai, China.....	1887
Miss Lula H. Lipscomb †.....	Columbus, Miss.....	North Mississippi.....	.....	1887
Miss Ada Regan †.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	Tennessee.....	.....	1887
Miss Lelia Roberts.....	Palo Pinto, Tex.....	North Texas.....	Saltillo, Mexico.....	1887
Miss Marcia Marvin.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis.....	Piracicaba, State de São Paulo, Brazil, S. A.....	1887
Miss Mary McClellan.....	Brookhaven, Miss.....	Mississippi.....	Shanghai, China.....	1888

Miss Augusta V. Wilson.....	Charlestown, W. Va.	Western Virginia.....	Chihuahua, Mexico.....	1888
Miss Mattie Dorsey.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis.....	96 Rua Larangeiras, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.	1890
Miss Ella Granbery.....	Beauregard, Miss.....	Mississippi.....		1888
Miss A. Clara Chrisman *	Emporia, Va.....	Virginia.....		1889
Miss Ella Yarrell †	Duluth, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Piracicaba, State de São Paulo, Brazil, S. A.	1889
Miss Lida Howell.....	Newport, Ky.....	Kentucky.....	Laredo, Tex.....	1889
Mrs. A. E. McClendon.....	West Point, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Laredo, Tex.....	1889
Miss Ellie B. Tydings.....	Anthony, Fla.....	Florida.....	Saltillo, Mexico.....	1889
Miss Flora Baker †.....	Greensboro, Ala.....	North Georgia.....	Not employed.....	1889
Miss Lula Ross.....	Homer, La.....	Alabama.....	96 Rua Larangeiras, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.	1889
Miss Sallie M. Phillips.....	Princeton, Ky.....	Louisiana.....	Piracicaba, State de São Paulo, Brazil, S. A.	1889
Mrs. E. E. Brelsford.....	Jetersville, Va.....	Louisville.....	Piracicaba, State de São Paulo, Brazil, S. A.	1890
Miss May Littleton Smithey.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	Virginia.....	Soochow, China.....	1890
Miss Helen L. Richardson.....	Sharpsburg, Ky.....	St. Louis.....	Soochow, China.....	1890
Miss Mary Turner.....	Georgetown, Tex.....	Kentucky.....	San Luis Potosi, Mexico.....	1890
Miss Lucy Harper.....	Blountstown, Fla.....	Texas.....	Laredo, Tex.....	1890
Miss Kate P. Fannin.....	Austin, Tex.....	Florida.....	Saltillo, Mexico.....	1890
Miss Mollie F. Brown.....	Durango, Mex.....	North Texas.....	96 Rua Larangeiras, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.	1891
Miss Kate C. McFarren.....	Murray, Ky.....	Memphis.....	Durango, Mexico.....	1891
Miss Alice G. Waters.....	Roscoe, Mo.....	Southwest Missouri.....	Shanghai, China.....	1892
Miss Martha Pyles.....	Marshall, Tex.....	East Texas.....	Soochow, China.....	1892
Miss Minnie Bowman.....	Microsukee, Fla.....	Florida.....	Shanghai, China.....	1892
Miss Sue P. Blake.....	Oxford, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Shanghai, China.....	1892
Mrs. Julia Gaither.....	Royston, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Soochow, China.....	1892
Miss Emma Gary.....	Columbia, S. C.....	South Carolina.....	Shanghai, China.....	1892
Miss Sallie B. Reynolds.....	Oxford, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Piracicaba, State de São Paulo, Brazil, S. A.	1892
Miss Alice Moore.....	Pacolet, S. C.....	South Carolina.....	Juiz de Fora, State Minas Geraes, Brazil, S. A.	1892
Miss Susan Littlejohn.....	Naperville, Ga.....	.....	Rio de Janeiro, U. S. of Brazil, S. A.	1892
Miss Amelia Eldering.....	Somerset, Ky.....	Kentucky.....	Laredo, Tex.....	1892
Miss Delia Holding.....				....

\* Deceased. † Not now employed. ‡ Married.

# CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, ETC.

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## Constitution of the Woman's Missionary Society.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the "Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to enlist and invite the efforts of women and children in sending the gospel to women and children in foreign lands, on our borders, and among the Indian tribes of our own country, through the agency of female missionaries, teachers, physicians, and Bible-readers. The missionaries, teachers, physicians, and Bible-readers employed by the Woman's Board shall be subject to the appointing power of the bishop having charge of the mission field in which they labor.

ART. III. The work shall be accomplished by organizing Societies in each charge, and Conference Societies in each Conference, and shall be controlled by an executive body to be known as the "Woman's Board of Missions."

ART. IV. The Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, two Secretaries (one to administer the foreign, the other the home affairs of the Society), Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and six managers (to be elected quadrennially by the Woman's Board at the annual meeting next succeeding the General Conference), and the Corresponding Secretaries or alternates of the Conference Societies. The Secretaries of the Board of Missions shall be honorary members of the Woman's Board.

ART. V. The operations of this Woman's Board shall be conducted in connection with the Board of Missions and subject to its advice and approval. When appropriations are made, the funds shall be sent in such a manner and to meet such purposes as the Woman's Board shall direct.

ART. VI. The Woman's Board shall meet annually to determine what fields shall be occupied, the number of persons to be employed in each, and to estimate and appropriate the amount necessary for the support of the missions under its charge. A majority shall constitute a quorum to transact business at the annual meetings; five shall be a quorum for monthly or called meetings. The transactions of the monthly or called meetings shall be subject to the approval or disapproval of the ensuing annual meeting.

ART. VII. The Woman's Board shall have authority to establish and maintain a Bible and training school under its auspices, control, and management, for the education of missionaries and other Christian workers, provided that the collections of this Society shall not be used for said school except such as may be specially given for that purpose.

ART. VIII. The funds of this Board shall be derived from private efforts, from membership fees, life and honorary membership fees, from devises and

bequests, and from public collections only at meetings appointed in behalf of the Society.

ART. IX. The President shall preside at all meetings, and countersign all orders on the treasury. In her absence the Vice President shall preside, and in the absence of both a Chairman shall be appointed *pro tem*.

ART. X. The Foreign Secretary shall conduct the correspondence and attend to the legal business of the foreign field, prepare the annual report, publish quarterly and annually a statement of the condition of the work, and give all orders on the Treasurer. The Foreign Secretary shall reside where the Board of Missions is located.

ART. XI. The Secretary of Home Affairs shall conduct the correspondence with the Societies, attend to the legal business of the same, and furnish for publication quarterly and annual statements of the work under her charge.

ART. XII. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Board in safe deposit, which deposit shall be made by her as Treasurer, subject to authenticated drafts. She shall furnish quarterly and annual reports to be published with those of the Foreign Secretary, and her accounts shall be audited by the Treasurer of the Board of Missions. The Treasurer shall reside where the Board of Missions is located.

ART. XIII. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings in a permanent record, and obtain the signature of the President as approved.

ART. XIV. An Auditor shall be elected to audit the accounts of the Society.

ART. V. When vacancies occur in the interval of the annual meetings, the Board shall fill such vacancies until the next annual meeting.

ART. XVI. Three of the six managers shall be members of any one of the Auxiliary Societies at the place where the Board of Missions is located, and the remaining three shall represent severally the Eastern, the Southern, and the Western Societies of the Church.

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## By-laws of the Woman's Board of Missions.

1. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society in whose precincts the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions is to be held, after consulting with the executive officers of said Board, shall fix the date of meeting, and arrange for anniversary exercises.

2. The traveling expenses of officers and managers and returned missionaries to and from the meetings of the Board shall be paid from the treasury.

3. The opening exercises of each annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions shall be held the evening before the regular business meeting commences.

4. The officers and managers of the Woman's Board of Missions shall nominate the standing committees.

5. The By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote.

If for any cause it should become necessary, in the interim of the annual meetings of the Woman's Board of Missions, to change the place selected to



hold the next annual meeting, it can be done by consent of the executive officers and managers of the Board.

#### RULES OF ORDER.

- (a) Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
- (b) All resolutions shall be presented in writing.
- (c) Ladies shall rise when they address the Chair.
- (d) No member shall leave the room without the permission of the Chair.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

*For Opening Business Sessions of Annual Meetings of Woman's Board of Missions.*

1. Roll call.
2. Reading minutes of opening session.
3. Report of Local Board.
4. Announcement of standing committees.
5. Presentation of plans and estimates for foreign work, and papers to be referred to committee.
6. Miscellaneous business.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

*For Regular Daily Sessions.*

1. Roll call.
2. Reading of minutes.
3. Reports from standing committees.
4. Reports from special committees.
5. Miscellaneous business.

### Conference Societies.

A Conference Society shall be formed by the election of a President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and a Secretary for each district.

These shall be appointed in the first instance by the Annual Conference, or a convention called for the purpose of organizing, and then elected thereafter at the annual meetings by ballot.

#### BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. The executive officers shall constitute a committee to transact business in the interval of the annual meetings. Three shall constitute a quorum. A reserve shall be elected to attend the meetings of the Woman's Board of Missions in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary. If the reserve elect cannot attend, another can be appointed by the President and Corresponding Secretary. The annual meetings of the Conference Societies shall be held as soon as practicable *after* (in no case prior to) the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions.

SEC. 2. The President (or Vice President) shall preside at all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee. The President shall countersign all drafts on the treasury for necessary Conference expenses.

SEC. 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society with the Auxiliaries, and shall herself (or through the District

Secretary, as she may direct) supply them with such missionary matter as she may obtain for gratuitous distribution. It shall be her duty to use all practicable means for the organization of Auxiliaries, and forward promptly reports of organization and number of members to the Secretary of Home Affairs. She must send promptly quarterly reports to the Secretary of Home Affairs on the 20th of June, September, December, and March; also an annual report, giving all statistics in full, the last quarter preceding the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions. She shall sign all drafts on the treasury.

SEC. 4. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all the meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee, and keep the minutes of the same on record.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall receive and keep on deposit all funds of the Society, keeping an account with each Auxiliary, and submitting the same annually to the Auditor. She must send reports promptly on the 30th of June, September, December, and March, to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions, therewith transmitting all the funds in the treasury. She must keep an account of the expenses of the Conference Society, and send the same with her quarterly report to the Treasurer. An itemized copy of said reports must be furnished the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 6. The District Secretary shall organize Auxiliaries, and use every available means to promote the advancement of the Woman's Missionary Society in her district. She (or a representative appointed by her) shall present a report of the work at the District Conference, and shall hold an annual meeting in the district (composed of delegates from Auxiliaries), and an all-day meeting whenever practicable. If the Conference Corresponding Secretary so direct, the District Secretary shall conduct the correspondence with Auxiliaries, and send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, and a copy of the same to the President of the Conference Society. It shall be her duty to do all in her power to obtain subscribers to the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, and see to the collection of the contingent fund for Conference expenses.

SEC. 7. Conference and Auxiliary Societies shall not project new work in the mission fields.

SEC. 8. Conference Societies shall provide a contingent fund for defraying necessary expenses, which, if insufficient, may be supplemented from the treasury.

SEC. 9. The regular dues of the Auxiliary Societies, Adult and Juvenile, also funds contributed to make life members, honorary members, and life patrons, shall not be devoted to specific work.

SEC. 10. The funds, outside of dues collected within the Auxiliaries to the Woman's Missionary Society, Adult or Juvenile, shall not be directed to any specific work, without obtaining the consent of the Woman's Board, and with the understanding that such work is in accordance with the plans of this Board.

SEC. 11. Credit shall not be given nor vouchers accepted by the Treasurer of the Woman's Board for funds that have not been paid into the treasury of the same.

## Auxiliary Societies.

Any number of women may form an Auxiliary to the Conference Society in any charge or circuit, by appointing a President, two or more Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer; these constituting a Local Executive Committee. Auxiliary Societies shall report to the Secretary of Home Affairs until Conference Societies may be formed in the Annual Conference wherein they are located.

### HOW TO ORGANIZE AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Whenever any number of ladies can be convened for the purpose, let the work be brought before them by the pastor or some lady, urging the claims of the Woman's Missionary Society; then organize by appointing a Chairman and Secretary *pro tem*.

Let one or more ladies pass around with slips of paper to secure members. The Chairman shall then call for a nominating committee preliminary to the election of officers; when the report of the nominating committee is adopted, the officers are elected.

The Constitution and By-laws provided for Auxiliaries should then be read and adopted. The time for holding the monthly meetings may be determined, and subscribers obtained to the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*.

As soon as organized, the Corresponding Secretary of the Auxiliary shall fill a blank report of organization, and forward to the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

*Printed for Information and Use in the Organization of Auxiliaries.*

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the "Woman's Missionary Society of ———, auxiliary to the ——— Conference Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to aid Christian women and children in the evangelization of women and children in our mission fields, and to raise the funds for this work.

ART. 3. Any person paying a regular subscription of one dollar a year, or ten cents a month, may become a member of this Society; and any person contributing five dollars per quarter for one year, or twenty dollars at one time, may be a life member.

ART. 4. Meetings of the Society for business and communication of intelligence shall be held once a month. The anniversary of each Society shall, if practicable, be held in March, at which time the reports of the Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers shall be read, and officers for the ensuing year be elected by ballot. The delegate and the reserve to the annual meeting of the Conference Society shall be elected by ballot at the same time.

### BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the Society, and to advance its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to perform the duties of the

President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society. It shall also be her duty to send quarterly reports not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March, to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, or the District Secretary, as the Conference Secretary may direct. She (or the appointed agent) shall bring up the claims of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* at every monthly meeting, and try to obtain subscribers.

4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, and to provide the pastor with written notices of meetings.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members and to hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book account, and remitting to the Conference Treasurer not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March; also at the same time to furnish the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary a statement of amount remitted. Collectors may be appointed to assist the Treasurer.

6. There shall be a committee of three to provide missionary reading for monthly and quarterly meetings.

7. Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, when reports of the work shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase general missionary intelligence and zeal, as well as earnestness in the special work of the Society.

8. Each member of the Society shall try to induce others to become members, and do what she can to add to the interest, remembering in prayer her Society, its workers, its missionaries, schools, etc., connected with the general work.

9. If an office becomes vacant by death, resignation, or removal, such vacancy must be filled as soon as possible.

10. Order of exercises for monthly meetings: (1) Devotional exercises; (2) reading and approval of minutes; (3) report of Corresponding Secretary; (4) report of Treasurer; (5) report of Literary Committee; (6) miscellaneous business; (7) report of what each member has done for the Society during the month; (8) adjournment.

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## Young People's and Juvenile Societies.

### CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called ———.

ART. 2. Its objects shall be to aid the operations of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; to increase contributions; to cultivate piety, systematic giving, and to increase missionary intelligence.

ART. 3. Its officers shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer.

ART. 4. A Lady Manager shall be elected by the Society to superintend its interests.

ART. 5. Every member of the Society must be pledged to contribute five cents monthly.

ART. 6. Any one may become an honorary member of the Society by the payment of five dollars, or a life-member by the payment of ten dollars.

#### BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the Society, and to advance its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice Presidents to perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society. It shall also be her duty to send quarterly reports not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March, to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, giving the *status* of the Society. A copy of this report shall be sent to the District Secretary.

4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, and to provide the pastor with written notices of meetings.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members, and to hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book account, and remitting to the Conference Treasurer, not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March; also at the same time to furnish the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary a statement of amount remitted. Collectors may be appointed to assist the Treasurer.

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### Instructions to Missionaries.

1. All missionaries in the employ of the Woman's Board of Missions must work under the advice and approval of this Board, and conform to the general plan of work in the mission to which she is appointed.

2. To secure organization and unity in the mission field, every missionary of the Woman's Board is confidently expected to work in harmonious relation with the Agent appointed over that part of the field to which she has been assigned; also, that she will receive all instructions and all funds through this Agent, and send quarterly and annual reports through her to the Foreign Secretary of the Woman's Board.

3. Missionaries must give their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as an ample salary to meet their temporal necessities is paid them by the Board.

4. Before sending their annual reports, the missionaries of the Woman's Board must hold an annual meeting, the minutes of which, including reports, plans, and estimates, must be forwarded promptly to the Foreign Secretary of the Board by the Agent. All the representatives must, if possible, attend this meeting to consider and compare methods of work in their several departments.

5. All donations received for the work must be mentioned in the annual reports.

6. The action of the Woman's Board will be communicated to the Agents officially by the Foreign Secretary of the Board.

7. Missionaries must not involve the Society in any expense, the estimate of which has not been submitted to and approved by the Board in annual session.

8. Under no circumstances shall new work be opened without the consent of the Woman's Board. Missionaries are not permitted to make public or private appeals for funds to aid in support of their work without the knowledge and approval of the Board, and such appeals must be made through the Foreign Secretary of the Board.

9. Medical missionaries must keep itemized accounts of receipts and disbursements, sending quarterly and annual reports of the same to the Foreign Secretary of the Board. Such receipts may be used by them for needful expenses in their work. If there is any surplus, it must be placed in the treasury in the field, and accredited as receipts arising from the practice of medical missionaries. The medical outfit is the property of the Board.

10. If a missionary in the employ of the Woman's Board, or an accepted candidate, evinces any unfitness for the work, the agreement may be canceled, and, after giving her three months' notice, she may be recalled by the Board. Her expenses home will be paid, provided she returns within the time specified.

11. If it becomes necessary for a missionary to return home temporarily because of ill health, she must send a certificate to that effect from a physician and the Agent in charge of the district in which she is stationed. The Board in such cases agrees to meet the expenses of her travel home, and pay her half salary for one year, if she is in harmony with the Woman's Board.

12. Should a missionary desire her expenses paid to return home for any other cause than that of ill health, she must in every case give her reasons and obtain leave of absence from the Woman's Board through the Agent in charge of her field.

13. Every missionary is authorized to conduct the internal affairs of her department as she thinks best suited to the surroundings, and to secure good results; provided, always, that her plans meet the approval of the Woman's Board.

14. Every returned missionary is expected to be present at the first annual meeting of the Board after her arrival home. Her expenses to and from the place of meeting will be paid by the Board.

15. Every missionary employed by the Woman's Board is required to comply with the above conditions, and to remember always her promise given under head of "Questions to Missionary Candidates, No. 16."

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## Requirements of Missionary Candidates.

1. The papers of a missionary candidate must be presented through the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society in which she resides, to the Secretary of the Woman's Board, *not less than three months before the annual meeting of this Board.* If practicable, the Conference Secretary should

seek a personal acquaintance with the candidate before the papers are forwarded to the Secretary of the Board.

2. These papers must be references or testimonials from the pastor and Sunday school superintendent of the Church in which the candidate holds her membership; from the President of the college where she was educated, or where she has taught; the President of her Auxiliary Society, if connected with any; also of persons who have had opportunities for understanding her character, acquirements, and capabilities. The candidate herself must write her application to the Board, giving some history of her life and religious experience.

3. A missionary candidate must feel that her heart is especially directed toward foreign missionary work, and that her only desire and purpose in offering herself is to serve God and obey the command: "Go teach all nations."

4. Some experience at home in teaching and in Christian work is necessary to show her capabilities for foreign service.

5. She must have executive ability and adaptability to surroundings. These are essential qualities in mission work.

6. The testimonials of a missionary candidate must include the following points: Evidences of religious experience, energy, and business capacity; good judgment and prudence; mental attainments and health.

7. The age of a candidate must not be less than twenty-five years nor more than thirty-five, unless she has superior qualifications, and circumstances justify a deviation from strict adherence to this rule.

8. She must furnish a health certificate from a competent physician, and answer satisfactorily the questions under that head, and where practicable be examined by a specialist for the eye, ear, throat, and lungs; also securing a certificate of the soundness of these organs.

9. No candidate will be accepted unless she will pledge herself not to leave the service of the Woman's Board within five years from the time she reaches the field, unless her health fails.

10. She, with two good securities, must sign a *pledge* to the effect that, if she leaves the service of the Woman's Board for any other cause than ill-health, before the expiration of five years, she or her securities will refund to the Board the amount paid for her outfit and travel. This does not imply that her obligation to the Woman's Board ceases at the end of five years, but that she is bound to refund this amount if she voluntarily leaves the work of the Woman's Board of Missions before this stated time expires.

11. Her preferences for a field will be considered, but it is expected that she will acquiesce in the decision and judgment of the Board.

12. Every candidate is required to come before the Examining Committee and before the Woman's Board of Missions at a called meeting, or attend the annual meeting of the Board.

13. After a candidate is accepted, she must consider herself under the guidance of the Board in the interim of her departure for her appointed field.

14. The traveling expenses of an accepted candidate are paid from her home to the mission field, and \$200 is granted for her personal outfit. Her salary does not begin until she reaches her field of labor.

15. Every candidate is required to get *two good and sufficient securities* to join her in signing the

#### PLEDGE.

I have avowed my intention to devote myself to the work of the Woman's Board of Missions as long as life and usefulness continue, and I hold myself morally bound to maintain this purpose; yet, in view of the changes to which all persons are liable, and recognizing the fact that the equipment of missionaries and the cost of travel to foreign countries constitute a large item of expense; also that the first year or two must be spent in preparation, I here pledge myself to give not less than five years' service to the Woman's Board.

Moreover, if I voluntarily leave this employ before the expiration of five years after my arrival in the field, I promise to refund the money expended for my outfit and travel. I promise, also, to give six months' notice of any change in my relations to the Board, or forfeit my salary for that length of time. I herewith sign my own name, with two *good and sufficient* securities, for the fulfillment of these promises.

Resolution adopted at fourteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions:

"*Resolved*, That as we interpret the pledge, our missionaries are bound to give *not less* than five years' service to the Board. We do not regard the refunding of outfit and passage money as canceling the obligation."

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### Questions to Missionary Candidates.

1. Do you feel that your heart is moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you the work of a foreign missionary?
2. (a) Are you a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South?  
(b) How long have you been a member?
3. Do you subscribe to the doctrines of this Church?
4. Is it your desire and intention to make the work of this Board your life work?
5. Are willing to go to any field?
6. Have you any experience in Christian work?
7. Have you a thorough English education?
8. (a) Have you studied any ancient or modern language? (b) Do you acquire such with ease?
9. Have you taught school, where, and with what success?
10. Can you teach music, vocal or instrumental?
11. What is the condition of your health? and are you predisposed to any physical weakness?
12. What is your age?
13. Have you ever been married? If so, is your husband living?
14. (a) Have you ever applied to other Mission Boards or Societies?  
(b) Were you refused? and for what cause?



15. Will you sign, with two sufficient securities, the pledge required of all missionary candidates?

16. Will you promise to keep the following conditions: "If you labor with us in the Lord's vineyard, it is needful that you should do that part of the work which we advise, at those times and places which we judge most for his glory?"

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### Certificate of Health.

*Questions to be answered by the Examining Physician.*

[It is not necessary that every question be answered favorably to receive an appointment.]

1. How long have you known this lady?
2. Has your acquaintance been such as to enable you to know particularly of her health and physical tendencies?
3. Are her habits active or sedentary?
4. (a) Has she had the usual diseases of childhood? (b) Have they affected her constitution in any way?
5. Has she had any serious illness, local disease or personal injury? If so, of what nature? how long since? and has she entirely recovered from it?
6. Has she been successfully vaccinated?
7. (a) Have her grandparents, parents, brothers, or sisters ever had mental derangement, pulmonary complaint, scrofula, or other serious disease tending to shorten life? (b) Does she exhibit any tendency to these diseases?
8. Is she subject to heart disease, or diseases peculiar to women?
9. Are her eyes in a healthy condition? and would they be liable, so far as can be seen, to any affection incident to change of climate?
10. Has she any tendency to deafness?
11. Is her constitution strong and vigorous at this time?
12. (a) What climate would be most suitable to her constitution? (b) Would a tropical climate in her case especially induce liver disease?

(Questions to be copied, and answers opposite each question.)

[Physician's signature.]

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### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY ADVOCATE.

The *Woman's Missionary Advocate* is the official organ of the Society. The Editor and Agent is elected annually by the Woman's Board of Missions. This paper is published monthly. The address of the Editor is: Mrs. F. A. Butler, Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn. Terms, 50 cents per annum in advance.

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### LITTLE WORKER.

The *Little Worker* is the juvenile paper issued by the Woman's Missionary Society. Editor, Miss Annie Maria Barnes, Duluth, Ga. Terms, 25 cents per annum, in advance.

## LEAFLETS.

Miss Annie Maria Barnes, Editor and Publisher, Duluth, Ga. Leaflets and programmes can be obtained from the Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

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MEMBERSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENTS TO THE  
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The payment of one dollar, or ten cents a month for adults, and five cents a month for juveniles, constitutes a member for one year. Twenty dollars constitutes a *life member*; ten dollars a juvenile life member. One hundred dollars will make an honorary life member. Three hundred dollars will make an honorary life patron.

Forty dollars supports a scholarship in China. One hundred dollars supports a scholarship in Mexico. Sixty dollars supports a Bible-woman in China.

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## FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, \$—— or——, to be paid or conveyed to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions (the executive body of the Society), whose receipt therefor shall be acquittance to my executors.

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## FORM OF DEVISE.

I hereby give and devise absolutely and in fee simple to the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, the following real estate: [adding such description as shall fully identify the particular real estate intended.]

NOTE.—Prompt notice of bequests and devises should be given to Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Foreign Secretary Woman's Board.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was incorporated January, 1879, in the city of Nashville, according to the laws of the State of Tennessee. The five incorporators were:

MRS. D. H. MCGAVOCK,  
MRS. AMELIA T. MCTYEIRE,  
MRS. MARTHA WHITWORTH,  
MRS. ELLA LUPTON,  
MRS. S. R. MANIER.

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IN SOCIETIES.

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*Missionary Review of the World*, 18 and 29 Astor Place, New York.

*Woman's Work for Woman*, and *Our Mission Fields*, 53 Fifth Ave., New York.

*Life and Light for Women*, Congregational House, Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

*Heathen Woman's Friend*, Miss J. P. Walden, 36 Bromfield Street, Boston, Mass.

*Missionary Reporter*, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

*Missionary Herald*, American Board.

*Missionary Link*, W. U. M. S.

*Spirit of Missions*, Episcopal.

*Lutheran Missionary Journal*.

*Helping Hand*, Baptist.

*Woman's Missionary Advocate*, Mrs. F. A. Butler, Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

*Little Worker*, Miss Annie Maria Barnes, Nashville, Tenn.

*Woman's Work in the Far East*, published quarterly, Shanghai, China.

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